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DOUBLE EAGLE AND GOLD $1 IN THE 1849 CONGRESS

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Just 100 years ago, two new pieces were added to the family of United States coins. They were the one dollar and twenty dollar gold pieces. Neither had been minted before. Both came from the same Congressional act, of the same parentage. And both were designed by James B. Longacre.

One, the double eagle, lived twice as long as the other. The gold dollar died in 1889 at the age of 40 when it had reached the end of its usefulness. The twenty dollar coin, then in its 85th year, was killed by the New Deal in 1934. During their lifetimes, however, large numbers were minted; of the dollar, over 15 million dollars worth; of the double eagle, 174 million pieces to the staggering value of 3½ billion dollars.

During this centennial year of 1949, it might be stimulating to recall the history of the legislation that brought these coins on the American scene. Most of the following account, including a bit of unpublished Lincolniana, is taken from *The Congressional Globe* of 1848-1849.

The year before, 1848, had seen the United States add over 525,000 square miles to its holdings as a result of negotiations following the Mexican War. California was a part of this vast territory. There Marshall had found his gold on the site of Sutter's sawmill. The reported discovery of gold in California was confirmed by the President in his annual message to the lame duck session of the 30th Congress on December 5, 1848. From this session was to spring the act authorizing the new gold coins.

At the beginning of 1849, the office of President was filled by James K. Polk, a Democrat. His successor, Zachary Taylor, Whig, had been elected in November to take the oath March 4, 1849. Robert M. Patterson was in his fifteenth year as director of the mint, while his chief engraver was our old friend, James B. Longacre.

The coins circulating in the United States were the silver dollar, half-dollar, quarter-dollar, dime and half-dime; the large copper cent and half-cent. Numbers of Spanish coins were still making the rounds.

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There was much paper currency throughout the country. Of gold coins there were three, the eagle, the half-eagle and quarter-eagle. Altho there had been some talk of the necessity of a gold dollar, there had been no suggestion of the double eagle.

For several years committees had considered the subject of new gold coins and reported unfavorably. In a letter to James I. McKay, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, on January 20, 1844, Patterson had contended that such a coin as the gold dollar would be "too diminutive." Another objection raised by him was that the dollar was already represented in a silver coin.

By 1849, however, silver dollars were rapidly disappearing. Hepburn, in his *A History of Currency in the United States,* says the "16 to 1" silver-gold ratio set by the Act of 1837 "placed a valuation upon gold of 52 cents per ounce higher than that generally prevailing in Europe. It made the silver dollar worth $1.03 measured by the gold dollar. Ere long silver began to depart for Europe, where the ratio of 15½ to 1 prevailed, and also to India, which had adopted the single silver standard in 1835 at the ratio of 15 to 1."*

The first hint of a legislative change in our gold coinage by the 30th Congress came on January 22, 1849. McKay, a Democrat completing his ninth and last term as a representative from North Carolina, gave notice in the House of his intention of filing a bill calling for the minting of a new coin, the gold dollar.

Three days later, on the 25th, in pursuance of his previous notice, he obtained leave and introduced "A bill to authorize the coinage of one dollar gold pieces at the mint of the United States and its branches." The double eagle was not included in McKay's bill. Read twice, the proposal was referred to the Ways and Means Committee, of which McKay was still chairman.

The first shot for the double eagle was fired in the Senate on February 1. On that day, Charles G. Atherton, a Democrat from New Hampshire with a long legislative record, reported a bill from the Committee on Finance. This bill called for the coining of not only the one dollar gold piece, but also a twenty dollar gold coin.

Here the matter rested. For several weeks nothing happened, at least outwardly. But activity was being carried on in committee, for on February 20 with eleven days only of the session remaining, an amended bill was reported out by the Ways and Means Committee. Referring to the amendment, McKay said the committee had decided to strike a larger coin, the double eagle, as well as the dollar. It is probable Atherton and McKay, as committee chairmen, had discussed the double eagle and had decided to make a joint effort on its behalf.

The House took up debate the same day. Replying to a query by Alexander E. Evans, a first term Whig from Maryland, McKay said the weight of the coins had been made to conform to that specified in the Act of 1837. The chairman added that one section of the proposed bill, concerning the allowance of variation in the standard weights of coins, had been written in at the request of the mint director.

McKay spoke briefly in favor of the bill. After detailing some of the probable objections, he observed that the Act of 1837 required the mint to deliver to depositors such coin as they wished. He felt this purpose could be served best in the proposed legislation. If events should

prove, however, that depositors did not desire the coins in question, they would not ask for them. And anyway, since the authorization called for was for two years only, it would be a simple matter not to renew if the coinage was unpopular.

Pennsylvania had sent the two Ingersoll brothers to the House of Representatives. At this point one of them, Joseph R., gained the floor. Afterwards minister to Great Britain, he was a Whig of long congressional experience. He whipped into the proposed bill with typical congressional oratory and fury. Such coinage ideas had been suggested before, he said, but met with disfavor. Apparently there was little public sentiment for the project. When he referred to the supposed backing of Patterson, Ingersoll stated that "the opinion of the very intelligent director of the mint is probably extorted by some new born belief engendered by the fear that in some shape or other the thing will be produced, however abortive may be the birth."

The Pennsylvanian intimated further that the use of such a "toy coin" as the gold dollar bordered on the uncivilized. Spain, in her decadent and disturbed condition, was the only nation maintaining a similar coin. "Perhaps that ancient monarchy owes its present difficulties to the multiplication and diffusion of its gold."

If we must have such an experiment, Ingersoll felt we should "let the experiment be made on foreign materials, and not on our own." He complimented the mint as being a "happy organization" but implied this might not continue to be the case if new coins entailing new dies and new problems were authorized to complicate the life of that organization.

But Ingersoll saved his sharpest irony for the double eagle. "It seems great coins are to be issued as well as small ones. If eagles' wings are to be clipped down to a standard so small that they will fail to perform their office from their insignificance, they are, as the bill proposes, to be doubled into a ponderous and unparalleled size. Bad as the increase of metal is, it is not half so bad as its wasteful diminution. We have dollars of silver. It is idle to have dollars of gold. Is it intended to carry the experiment still further, and duplicate all the denominations of coins? Make gold half-dollars, gold quarter-dollars, gold dimes, and gold half-dimes, and you have enough; but may it not lead to making silver quarter-eagles, silver half-eagles, and silver eagles? Ponderous coinage once existed among a simple and warlike people. If it is to be introduced again, iron or tobaccco will suit as well as gold."

After Ingersoll finally sat down, Charles Hudson, a Massachusetts Whig, obtained recognition. As a member of the committee which had considered the bill, he had been in the minority. He, too, had some objections. First, there was no demand for such coins. Second, a gold dollar could be easily counterfeited and passed off in the dark "as a five cent piece" (half dime). With this very possibility in mind, the mint director had furnished a genuine gold dollar and a counterfeit one to the committee. The two pieces were put in the hands of the committee members with the warning that one was spurious. The members weighed and measured and examined as well as they could. The majority, Hudson admitted, had been able to detect the counterfeit, but only after considerable hesitation. Consequently, he believed the experiment to be a dangerous one.

At this, George Washington Jones, a Democrat of Tennessee, was on his feet. Gaining recognition, he asked with some sarcasm if the gentleman from Massachusetts would be able to tell the difference in the dark between a hundred dollar bill and a shinplaster of one dollar, either by size, touch or in any way except sight? It seemed to Jones the argument against these gold coins could be applied "with tenfold force to bank bills."

Hudson interposed and said the committee members had not judged with their eyes closed but he thought the main consideration in discovering the spurious coin had been the slight difference in weight.

Henry Nicoll, New York Democrat serving his only term, believed all this counterfeit talk was much exaggerated. He voiced the opinion that the wants of the country right now called for such coins. It was for those communities in which small notes were disappearing that this bill for a one dollar gold piece would operate beneficially. And, after all, he thought the "people had enough discrimination to distinguish counterfeits."

John A. Rockwell, Connecticut Whig, now moved to table the bill. On this motion ocurred the only roll call vote. By an overwhelming 127 to 37 the motion was defeated.

Next considered was the amendment calling for the double eagle. The House quickly agreed to this without a record vote. Shortly afterward the bill was passed by the House and sent to the Senate. There it was referred to Atherton's Committee on Finance.

Two days later, February 22, the Senate committee reported favorably on the bill with amendment. Interest lagging, no further action was evidenced until March 3.

That day, Saturday the 3d, was destined to be a long one. Much work remained to be done. The day's meeting ran on through the night until 7 o'clock Sunday morning. Being the closing day of the session, it was also the last chance for the coinage bill. Likewise, it was the last day in office for President Polk and for many of the Congressmen. Of the latter who had either not been re-elected or had not chosen to run again were McKay, Atherton, Hudson, Ingersoll, Nicoll, Rockwell, and a man from Illinois who was serving his one and only term in Congress — Abraham Lincoln.

Lincoln had not been too active in Congress. He had neither spoken on nor given any opinion on the pending coinage legislation. There is a record of his vote being cast against tabling the bill on February 20. Therefore, it is highly probable he voted for the act itself when it was up for passage. He was present in the House on each of the days the gold proposal was up for consideration.

On this concluding day, Senator Atherton demanded the Senate consider the bill immediately. Whether from the press of other business or because there actually was a lack of interest, little opposition was shown to the measure in the upper house. Such as there was came from William R. King, a Democrat from Alabama. King, who was afterward Vice President for a short period, could foresee little use for the double eagle. He felt the eagle was sufficient.

Like McKay in the House, Atherton observed that if the coins were found inconvenient or undesirable, they would not be brought into use.

He quoted Senator Thomas Hart Benton of Missouri, whom he called a "pretty good authority on the circulation of gold" as saying the double eagle would be in greater demand than the gold dollar. And if mint records are a criteria, Senator Benton was right.

After brief discussion the bill with Senate amendment was agreed to and returned to the House. With only a few hours remaining, the House concurred in the Senate version.

The final step was taken when the President affixed his signature. The Gold Coinage Act of March 3, 1849 was a reality.

*A HISTORY OF THE CURRENCY OF THE UNITED STATES. By A. Barton Hepburn. The Macmillan Company, 1924.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE DOUBLE EAGLE

By A. KOSOFF, Chairman of National Coin Week

The first coinage of the double eagle, in 1849, evidenced an expansion of ideas in relation to our currency. It was further induced by the accessions from California gold deposits, which required additional facilities for the resultant increasing exchanges. Let us examine this newcomer.

A bust of the Goddess of Liberty facing left; hair done up behind head and falling in curls, around the same a fillet on which is the motto 1849. LIBERTY; and around the edge of the field thirteen stars. In the exergue — 1849.

The reverse — an eagle with expanded wings with shield on breast; a scroll, pendant from beak and passing around shield, the motto E PLURIBUS UNUM; above head an oval formed by 13 stars and surmounted by a blaze; in the talons the olive-branch and arrows. Legend UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Exergue — TWENTY D.

This style remained until 1907 except for a change in 1866 when the motto IN GOD WE TRUST was inserted within the oval on the reverse and another in 1877 when DOLLARS replaced D. on the reverse. For practical purposes the series of double eagles starts in 1850, only one specimen of the 1849 having been struck.

Thanks to President Theodore Roosevelt's artistic instincts, the noted sculptor-artist, Augustus Saint Gaudens, was commissioned to redesign the eagle and double eagle. When the $10 coin was issued in 1907 the enthusiasm which had been aroused by the publicity given to the new work was dampened by disappointment. The public had expected more. The $20 piece in high relief, representing an artistic achievement, brought forth expressions pro and con.

The omission of the motto IN GOD WE TRUST caused considerable consternation. Rousing resolutions from religious assemblies called for a Presidential explanation. President Roosevelt was of the opinion that this motto on our coins came dangerously close to sacrilege, that it had never been anything but a source of jest and ridicule. In 1908 the motto was restored.

The high relief, the bold outstanding type, the embossed edge — these were the artistic achievements which made our new Double Eagle the

most beautiful coin in the history of the U. S. Mint. (The edge had 46 stars heralding Oklahoma before it was officially admitted to statehood.)

A number of trial pieces of this new coin were minted in extra high relief and these are very rare, being currently quoted at $3000 each. A coin the size of the ten dollar piece with the design of the twenty dollar coin and twice the thickness of the eagle is excessively rare, the only two specimens known being in the National Coin Collection in the Smithsonian Institution.

The double eagle was last minted in 1933. Apparently no authorization for the release of this coin was ever made. Nevertheless several specimens did find their way into leading collections and these have been recovered by the Government.

Curiously this series of double eagles which started with an 1849 which no one can acquire, ended in the same manner with the 1933.

Book Reviews

LA MONEDA ARABIGO-ESPANOLA was written by Castro Maria del Rivero and was published in Madrid in 1933. This little book of 193 pages, of which 83 pages are text and the remaining 110 pages being an appendix, is an elementary treatise on the Moorish coins of Spain and North Africa. The Moorish series of Spain has been given very little attention by collectors primarily because so few collectors have even a rudimentary knowledge of the Cufic writing. The author in his introduction states that "this book proposes to serve as an introduction to an elemental study of the numismatics of the Arabs in Spain and is in response to reiterated desires expressed by the public." With this elemental nature in mind the author has given in the text and in the appendix tables by which the novice can identify his coins. In these tables the author shows the Cufic writing as it appears on the coin with its Spanish translation. There is an alphabet, a list of numbers and dates, a list of Moorish rulers in Spain and a list of 42 mint cities of which 28 are in Spain and 14 in adjacent North Africa. With these tables in front of him the collector can search his coin until he finds the key words and thus may identify it. Granted, it is still a cryptogram and a slow, laborious process, but it is now possible.

The book also contains four genealogies (with the female member omitted) and several chronological lists of rulers. There is also a map of Spain and adjacent North Africa showing the location of mint cities. A well selected list of 161 coins is illustrated on three (3) folding plates, examples of every ruler and mint city being chosen. The text is in Spanish, but the words used are simple ones, so with a dictionary the interested collector can readily translate the work.

My congratulations to Senor Del Rivero as he has made a valiant attempt to simplify a rather complicated series. A few more books of this type and we will all be collecting Moorish coins. — P. K. ANDERSON

A GUIDE BOOK OF UNITED STATES COINS. 1949 Edition. Edited by R. S. Yeoman. Published by the Whitman Publishing Company, Racine, Wisconsin. Cloth bound. 254 pp. Illustrated. Price $1.50.

The first edition of this useful catalogue was published about a year ago and this, the second edition, represents a sincere attempt to present collectors with an up-to-date and accurate survey of the United States

coin market. As in the original edition, a synoptic history of our coinage is given; private and territorial gold is treated in a detailed fashion; notes and comments accompany the listing of colonial and state coinages; and explanatory notes accompany all the important types of United States coins.

From cover to cover this catalogue is packed with authentic information, beautiful halftone illustrations, and up-to-the-minute market values. Obtainable from coin dealers, book stores or direct from the publishers. — S.M.

J. M. Folgosa A MOEDA DE MOCAMBIQUE A CONTRAMARCA M. R. "MOCAMBIQUE," No. 52, December, 1947.

From distant Lorenzo Marquez, Mozambique comes a most enlightening article that bids fair to place and end, once and for all, to the uncertainty as to the origin of the controversial MR countermark on Spanish American and other coins.

This is Mr. Folgosa's second article on these countermarked coins and the lack of documentaries in his first article is effectively remedied in his second article which was written in Lisbon after he had had the opportunity of consulting the colonial archives at the Portuguese capital.

It is a scholarly and well written essay well printed and well illustrated and a clarification of the origin of a series which was previously clothed in obscurity and uncertainty.

Some numismatists of note had ascribed them to Martinique, others to Morelos, others Mexico and to Nicaragua while the undersigned had hoped against hope, but with no corroborative documents, to support his contention that they "might have been" Manila Resellados. Mr. Folgosa has put an end to all of these more or less logical attributions and leaves no doubt whatsoever, by the countermarked and documents submitted, where and when these were countermarked and also why these measures were taken. Collectors of countermarked coins and of coins of the Iberian Peninsula and its colonies may place them where they properly belong. Now that the coins are where they should be, one wonders why there should have been so many different interpretations as to the origin.

Mr. Folgosa has an incomplete but very long list of these coins both from his and from other collectors and that list only emphasizes the importance and reliability of the documents submitted in the articles.

Mr. Folgosa seems to be disturbed by the fact that there are several distinct dies used and seems to consider some of these as contemporary counterprints. The experience of Philippine numismatists with the crown II and crown Fo 7° countermarks, the official dies of which were many, would indicate that in such small countermarks not one or two but very many dies had to be utilized because of the small diameter of the punches used and the frequency with what they had to be replaced. In the case of the MR countermarks, it is a foregone conclusion that the series of the words would eventually be flattened or chipped off and the resultant imprint different but from the same dies.

By constant use, the die is flattened or the serifs of the letters chipped off and some dies which may be considered as different dies are in reality the same dies which have been flattened or injured by constant hammering. In spite of the large number of different dies used

any modern counterfeit of a small countermark is very easily detected by those who have made a study of them. There is a certain something about them that defies successful imitation.

Mr. Folgosa in his very interesting study leaves very little doubt that these interesting coins were countermarked at Portugal's ancient West African Colony of Morzamby y Riss — between 1865 and 1867 under the orders of Governor of the Province.

The author was fortunate in having as a vehicle for his study a magazine as artistic and as typographically attractive as the official quarterly magazines *"Monzambique."* It is also more than evident that there is no scarcity of art papers, and of artists, and craftsmen in that distant section of the world.

A translation of the article from Portuguese to English would be greatly appreciated by English and American collectors of countermarked coins. — GILBERT S. PEREZ, Manila

PRIMITIVE MONEY in Its Ethnological, Historical and Economic Aspects, by Paul Einzig. Published by Eyre & Spottiswoodie, London, 1949. 517 pages, cloth bound. Price 25 shillings.

This appears to be the outstanding single book on the subject of primitive, odd and unusual monies published to date. Covering as it does primitive monies of all types the world over, from dog's teeth to modern cigarettes, it forms a very complete catalog of these monies. But the book is not intended as a catalog alone. Divided into three sections, containing a total of 142 chapters, it covers the ethnological, historical and theoretical (economic) aspects of primitive monies. It would not be surprising if this book should become a basic handbook on the subject of primitive monies as well as the economic background of money.

In the ethnological section the different primitive monies issued by primitive peoples are described and excellent accounts of their exchange value and manner of use is given.

The section covering historical primitive monies covers ancient, medieval and modern periods and is similar to the ethnological section but differs in that only the monies described are primitive. The people responsible for the primitive monies are civilized but have been forced to resort to barter currencies because of the scarcity of coin or through lack of knowledge of conventional money.

The last section is titled "theoretical" and is an economic education in itself. Covering as it does a general history of primitive monies, and over a dozen monetary policies, theories and laws, many numismatists could read it with profit whether they are interested in primitive monies or not.

This book represents several years of research on the part of the author as can easily be verified by the extensive bibliography totaling 29 pages! A 10 page index concludes the work. — ARLIE SLABAUGH

ARCHAEOLOGY, A Magazine Dealing with the Antiquity of the World, Washington Square College, New York University, New York 3, N. Y. Jotham Johnson, Editor. $1.50 a copy. $5.00 per year ($6.00 for Vol. I).

The Winter, 1948, issue of this quarterly publication of the Archaeological Institute of America has been received. A "slick" magazine, profusely illustrated, it covers all phases of archaeology in an easy-to-understand manner. Although only two pages of this issue are devoted to coins (ancient Greek) collectors of ancient coins interested in the art of the period will find many examples in this magazine.

— ARLIE SLABAUGH

MUSEUM NOTES. Published by the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th St., New York, 1948. 154 pages, 26 plates. Heavy paper bound.

The third edition of this publication is almost equally divided between ancient, medieval and modern, and oriental coins. The United States is represented by only two pages which give a short discussion of the Zerbe collection of Lesher Referendum pieces recently presented to the Society. However, a page of illustrations of these pieces helps make up for the lack of a detailed account of these coins.

In the ancient section the Greek, Indo-Bactrian, Roman, and Byzantine coins acquired by the A. N. S. in 1947 are described with many of the rarer pieces being illustrated. Written in an easily understood manner, this section could well be used to supplement the standard catalogues on ancient coins as many of the pieces illustrated are without sufficient description elsewhere. Also included in the ancient section is an article on the "Incuse" Coinages of South Italy that is worthy of study. A short article on a Seleucid Mint at Elaeusa Sebaste completes this section.

Some worthwhile additions to medieval and modern numismatics have been made through descriptions and illustrations of the Wormser gift of coins of East Frisia. There being no complete catalogue of these coins, this article will add further to the information available. Short descriptions with illustrations are also given of two unique silver quarter reales of the first Mexico City coinage of Charles and Johanna, and the 1732 eight reales piece, which was the first year the screw press was used at the Mexico City mint. Completing this section is a discussion of the counterstamp of the Franconian Circle of 1693.

The subject of oriental coins likewise has some outstanding contributions to numismatics. An excellent list of early Arab gold dinars is given. Early Chinese knife and spade coins are discussed in "The Distribution of Coin Types in Ancient China." Articles on letters written to Stanley Lane Poole and coins from Axum complete this section.

— ARLIE SLABAUGH

NOTES ON ENGLISH SILVER COINS, 1066-1648. Edited by Herbert Allen Seaby, F. R. N. S. Published 1948 by B. A. Seaby, Ltd., 65 Great Portland Street, London, W. 1. 88 pages, heavy paper bound. Price five shillings or one dollar.

The background of this work can best be given by quoting from the introduction which states that "Most of the articles in this book are reprinted from our monthly *Coin and Medal Bulletin* and do not pretend to be the result of original research but are taken from the best works on each subject and are written as simply as possible to make classification easy." To these articles a few pages have been added to bridge

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New or Recent Issues

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It is the important duty of *The Numismatist* to record and illustrate all new issues. Members, both in the United States and abroad, are invited to submit new issues to Ernst Kraus, Room 1702, 444 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y. The coins will be photographed and returned as soon as possible. A credit line will be given to every new issue described.

Bahawalpur, Native State of India

1 Paisa, 1925. Bronze. Obverse: Toughra in square in the name of Al-Haj Sadiq Mohammed V. Abbasi, the ruler, date 1343 AH. above, value: Ek Paisa below, ornaments on both sides. Reverse: 3 palm branches and 4 stars in square. Inscription: Zarb Mamlakat Chudadad Bahawalpur (struck for the state or Kingdom of Bahawalpur, a gift of the gods). (Prof. Ed. Zygman)

½ Pice, 1940. Bronze. Obverse: Bust of ruler in uniform with fez, left. Inscription: Al Haj Sadiq Mohammed V. Abbasi, date on bottom 1940. Reverse: Toughra in the name of the ruler, Persian inscription: Zarb Bahawalpur (minted for Bahawalpur) value: Nisf Paisa, 1359 AH. English inscription: Half Pice, Bahawalpur State, all in circle of stars. (D. D. Ghosal, Santragachi, Howrah, India. Tatham Stamp and Coin Co.)

Denmark

25 Ore, 1948. Copper Nickel. Obverse: Crowned monogram F.R. dividing date, half wreath below. Reverse: Value, mintmark, initials of mintmaster. (Lauren Benson, Irving Mertik.)

1 Ore, 1948. Zinc. Obverse: Crowned monogramm dividing date. Reverse: Value, Denmark below. (I. Mertik.)

Hyderabad, Native State of India

1 Anna, 1943. Bronze. Obverse: Toughra with the name of the Nizam, date 1362 AH, value in English, Marathi, Kanarese and Telugu. Reverse: Value in the center, Persian inscription: Sikka (Coinage) of Osman, value: Ek Anna. (P. F. Klaasesz, Prof. E. Zygman.)

Japan

5 Yen, 1948. Aluminum Bronze. Obverse: Diet building in the center, dividing value, ornaments around it. Reverse: Dove in inner circle, Japan-

ese inscription: Nippon Kuo (Japanese Nation) on top, Showa 23rd year, on the bottom. The inscription reads now from left to right in contrast to all previous issues.

1 Yen, 1948. Aluminum Bronze. Obverse: Value in English in inner circle, inscription: as reverse above. Reverse: Value in half wreath. (H. D. Gibbs, Lt. R. E. Donnelly.)

Kutch (Cutch) Native State of India

1 Kori, 1939. Silver. Obverse: Center nagaree inscription: Value Ek Kori. Outside Persian inscription: George VI. Emperor of India, struck at Bhuj, date 1939. Reverse: Center: trident, half moon, native dagger, Samvat date 1995. Nagaree inscription: Maharao Sri Khengarji, Kutch, Bhuj. This coin is in the Collection of the Australian National Museum and was submitted by J. Hunt Deacon, Curator of the Collection. This is the only specimen, so far, naming these two rulers together on one coin. There may be other values with this name combination. The type of this coin is similar to the one reported and illustrated in *The Numismatist*, October, 1948, issue, page 690.

Turkey

25 Kurus, 1948. Aluminum Bronze. Obverse: Crescent and star, inscription: Turkiye Cumhuriyeti, date below. Reverse: Value in wreath. Inscription on the edge as above. (Lauren Benson.)

Netherlands

5 Cent, 1948. Bronze. Obverse: Head of Queen, left. Inscription: Wilhelmina Koningin Der Nederlanden. Reverse: Value dividing date and mintmarks, orangebranch above.

This is the second value of four, commemorating the 50th Jubilee of her rule. (Jacques Schulman, Amsterdam.)

Syria

50 Piastres, 1947. Silver. Obverse: Eagle with shield of three stars, inscription on the ribbon: Republic of Syria. Reverse: Value in the center, surrounded by ornamental designs. Inscription below: Republic of Syria, dates: 1947 (A.D.) 1366 (AH).

25 Piastres, 1947. Silver. Obverse: Same as above. Reverse: Value in the center, ornamentals, ear of corn on each side. Same dates and inscription as above. (Geo. B. Sutherland, Dr. Geo. Miles, Wm. L. Clark.)

NEW OR RECENT ISSUES

Corrections

January Issue: Page 58. **Tibet.** The last sentence in the description of the 1½ Srang should read: The silver coin, which I described in the *Numismatist* in June 1947 is a THREE Srang, dated 1936 and not a Rupee.

February Issue: Page 115-116. Iran: The title of the ruler should read SHAHIN SHAH IRAN and the reverse: Crown, lion and value (YEK PAHLEVI.)

Kutch: Transpose illustrations of 1 **Kori** and 1½ **Dokdo.**

Tibet: Reverse: Inner circle; value: Shogan (10 **Skar.**) (**Skar-lna** means **5 Skar.**)

THE ASSAY COMMISSION OF 1949

As reported by Herbert E. Rowold, A. N. A. 4432 and A. N. A. District Secretary for Western Missouri

The 1949 Assay Commission met at the Philadelphia Mint on February 9th and 10th with the following persons having received a Presidential appointment: Mrs. Marguerite Quinn, Norwichtown, Connecticut; Mrs. Archibald Alexander, Bernardsville, New Jersey; Mrs. David Fitzgerald, Glens Falls, New York; Herbert E. Rowold, Kansas City, Missouri; Presley Bowen, Baltimore, Maryland; Howard Starling, Parkersburg, West Virginia; Felix Mirando, Providence, Rhode Island; Mrs. George Mesta, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. George Maurice Morris, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Ruth Grigg Horting, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Richardson Dillworth, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Dr. Edward U. Condon, Director, National Bureau of Standards, Washington, D. C.

Ex-officio members were the Hon. Preston Delano, Comptroller of Currency, Washington, D. C.; the Hon. William Kirkpatrick, Judge of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Joseph Buford, U. S. Assay office, New York.

Nellie Tayloe Ross, Director of the Mint, her assistant Kenneth Failor and practically all the Mint officials were present but not as members of the Commission. The writer was the only A. N. A. member or numismatist on the 1949 Commission and Mr. Dillworth, prominent Philadelphia lawyer, was the only absentee because an important legal case prevented it.

The 157th Annual Assay Commission was opened formally at 10 o'clock on the morning of Wednesday, February 9th with Nellie Tayloe Ross making a very interesting and inspiring talk on the traditions and duties of the Commission after which she introduced all the noted persons present, all the members of the Commission and finally appointed Judge Kirkpatrick as the temporary chairman. As the first order of business, Presley Bowen was elected as permanent chairman and immediately took over and divided the commission into three Committees, the Counting Committee, the Weighing Committee and the Assay Committee.

At this point the proceedings were delayed for over an hour because a battery of photographers and news-reel men swarmed down and began taking scores and scores of pictures. Two of these made the local papers but what happened to all the rest will in all likelihood remain a deep dark secret to me for all time. The local offices of the newsreel companies have never been able to tell me when or where the scenes taken that day would be shown.

After order finally was resumed, the various committees assembled to begin their work, but first the "Pyx" boxes from the three mints had to be opened and the envelopes containing the coins which were selected at random for assaying had to be made available to the various committees. It should be mentioned here that in previous years one coin out of every 2,000 was selected at random for assaying but this law was changed by Congressional action that from now on only one coin out of every 10,000 is selected for this purpose. After the "Pyx" boxes were opened and the envelopes properly arranged by monthly deliveries,

these envelopes went first to the Counting Committee who checked the count as noted on the envelopes by a machine count to verify the amount as noted. Please consider that it would have been utterly impossible to count ALL the coins in ALL the envelopes, even by machine, in the short time allotted for the commission, so, envelopes were selected at random, opened and verified, and since all of those opened and checked were correct it was taken for granted that those not checked were in perfect order.

Next, the envelopes of coins having been found in perfect order by the Counting Committee were turned over to the Weighing Committee, but first, I learned this later, a certain amount of coins had been selected (always at random) by the Assay Committee for assaying purposes, with a notation on the envelopes the weighing committee received that coins had been removed for this particular purpose.

Since the writer of this report was a member of the Weighing Committee perhaps I should report this operation in more or less detail. Checking back through back numbers of *The Numismatist* I find that reports have been made on all other committees but I fail to find one of the weighing committee, so begging your indulgence, let me go into slight details. For a short time we had nothing to do other than to check weights which had been sent to us by the Bureau of Standards, under seal, on special calibrated scales which also had been checked some days previously by the Bureau of Standards, but it was not too long before buckets of envelopes containing coins by monthly shipments began reaching us. The first ones came from those minted in 1948 at the Philadelphia Mint and were of dimes, quarters and half dollars but when we selected them at random we never knew what denomination was coming up next nor from what day of the month or from which delivery of that particular day. At any rate, we, also, selected envelopes of coins at random and began weighing them.

As I mentioned previously, we had weights before us of the exact weight of a dime, quarter and half dollar but in addition we had weights (all carefully checked by the Bureau of Standards) of 5 grains, 3 grains and down to 1/100 of a grain.

After selecting coins at random they were placed on the scales by Dr. Condon with all the members of the weighing committee carefully looking on and weighed according to requirements. The first coin weighed light but was still far within the legal tolerance allowed, in fact, the first ten coins which were weighed showed up light in weight, and, since these were from the Philadelphia Mint, we began to call Edwin Dressel, Supt. of the Philadelphia Mint, good old "Light Weight" Dressel, but as it turned out the next ten coins were heavy in weight and within the legal tolerance allowed and that Mr. Dressel had kept within the requirements allowed by law and "could not be punished by DEATH" as the law once required.

Our findings were that about 50% of all coins weighed were "light" in weight and 50% were "heavy" in weight but not one single coin weighed *exactly* the weight as required by law, however, all were far within the legal tolerance allowed. Dr. Condon, our chairman, who weighed many coins slowly but efficiently, finally turned over his duties to Mr. Friedman, one of his assistants, and from that point on the weighing was not only efficient but very speedy. The Weighing Com-

mittee consisted of the following: Dr. Edward U. Condon, Chairman; Mrs. George Maurice Morris (the most beautiful and charming person on the commission); Mrs. David Fitzgerald and yours truly – the writer.

All day Wednesday and on the forenoon of Thursday we had able assistance from members of the Bureau of Standards and from officials of the Mint, but following our luncheon on Thursday noon, the Commission met entirely by itself to prepare its reports, to make recommendations and to submit resolutions – then following the signing of all reports, recommendations, et al, it adjourned sine die.

On Wednesday afternoon, most of the members of the weighing committee left their posts to go up to the second floor of the mint to watch the Committee on Assaying at work. This turned out to be very interesting and to me very educational but time ran out on us far too soon and we had to adjourn for the day. On Thursday morning we were taken on a tour through the mint and THIS I really enjoyed. Everything was explained to us and every question I asked was always cheerfully answered by some official from the mint or by some of the workmen inside the mint. (And, believe you me, I asked hundreds of questions.) Everybody with whom I had contact was informed at every moment that I was a numismatist and this stood me in good stead during our trip through the mint because mint officials seemed to go out of their way to answer questions or to explain things clearly and concisely at every turn.

Knowing that I was a numismatist, and always having some official of the mint at my elbow, whenever I started a question with: "Would it be possible to . . . ," before I could finish my question the answer invariably was "NO." Not even a sample of the "sweepings" weighing possibly 1/10th of a grain was available to me as a souvenir. As I see it now, I wonder how I got out of the mint with a few copper scraps which stuck to the soles of my shoes. But with it all, I admire and have great respect for the integrity of each and everyone connected with the mint. I was treated with great respect from the first door policeman, the police lieutenant, all the mint officials and finally to Mr. Dressel, Supt. of the mint; I received every courtesy and every consideration that anyone could want. I owe great thanks to everyone connected with the mint for every consideration given me.

Along with its serious side, the commission also had its social side for on Wednesday noon we were entertained at a very delicious luncheon at the Ritz-Carleton Hotel and at which time were introduced to officials at the mint whom we had not met previously. At this luncheon we were informed that the Commission was to meet for a dinner at 7 o'clock at the Ritz-Carleton it being optional whether to appear formal or not. We assembled at our hotel, the Bellevue-Stratford, and walked across the street with the lovely ladies dressed in evening clothes and the men in business suits. This dinner was a very sumptuous affair and following it, Mrs. Nellie Tayloe Ross made another very nice talk and then asked every member of the Commission to make a talk. The party broke up around 10 o'clock and we returned to our hotel and there were invited to be the guests of Mr. Bowen, our Chairman, in a special room reserved for his special party.

On Thursday noon, we were again guests at a luncheon at the Ritz-Carleton at which time we were introduced to a few more mint

officials whom we had not met before among them being Gilroy Roberts, the chief engraver, who had just recently received his appointment from President Truman to succeed the late Mr. Sinnock. At this luncheon all the members of the commission received a very beautiful medal which was struck to commemorate the 1949 Assay Commission. This medal, the work of Mr. Roberts and Mr. Gasparro depicts the very work we were doing — Assaying. Each medal had the owner's name engraved on the rim. While still on the social side, I enjoyed a very delicious luncheon Tuesday noon with Col. Moss with whom I had a very splendid visit and an exceptionally fine seafood dinner at Bookbinders on the water front, on Tuesday evening with my good friend, George Magee.

Serving on the Assay Commission was a marvelous experience and I made the most of it with my constant questioning of the many mint officials (all of whom were always co-operative) and I feel safe to say that I obtained a hundred fold more out of it all than all the rest combined. Along with it, I believe that LADY LUCK played along with me from beginning to end, particularly since it was mentioned on two different occasions that "in all probabilities no one ever again would come from as great a distance as has Mr. Rowold."

I am very grateful that the "Gods" permitted me to serve the A. N. A. in a very small way, in my receiving this appointment to the 1949 Assay Commission.

THE ASSAY COMMISSION MEDAL OF 1949

The obverse of the medal portrays the functions of the Assay Commission in allegory, the three female figures representing the principal operations of the Assay Commission. The seated figure on the right is presenting a coin which was counted to the figure on the left who is weighing the coins on a scale. The standing figure in the center is keeping a record of the counting, weighing and the assaying of these coins. Around the border appears the inscription, UNITED STATES MINT.

The obverse was designed and modeled by Gilroy Roberts, Chief Engraver of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia.

The reverse of the medal portrays the entrance to the Treasury Building on Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C., showing the statue of Alexander Hamilton in the center. The inscription around the border, ANNUAL ASSAY COMMISSION, TREASURY DEPARTMENT: In the center below design, 1949, and in small letters under the central design, TREASURY BUILDING, WASHINGTON, D.C.

The reverse was designed and modeled by Frank Gasaparro, Engraver of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia.

FORGED SHEKELS AND SHEKEL MEDALS

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Shekel forgeries

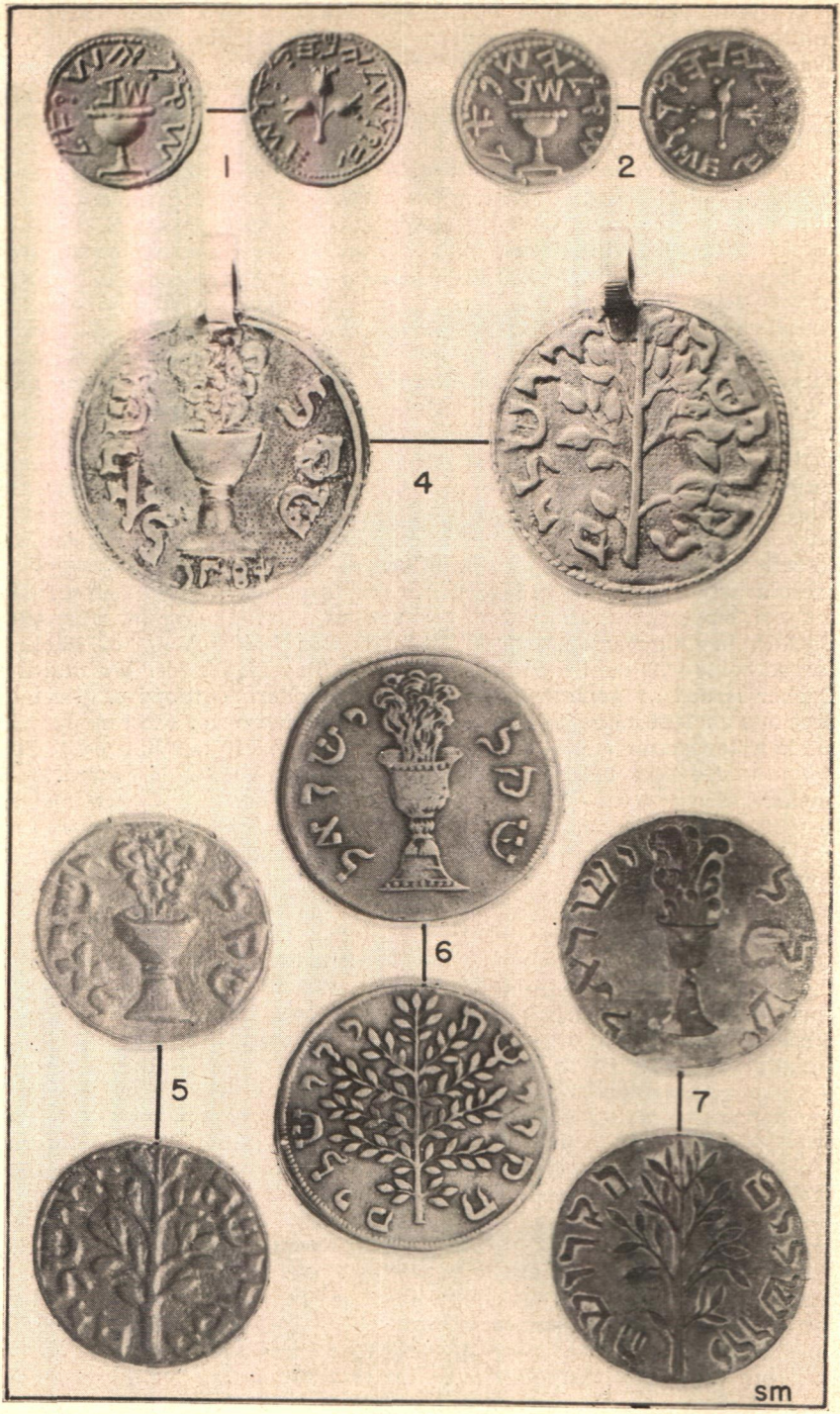
The shekel was a monetary unit among the Jews in former times, as everyone knows from its quotation in the Bible. It is, up to now, a problem under discussion as to when the Jews first issued real coins, and especially whether the thick silver shekels, like the one which can be seen in our figure 1, were issued by the Hasmoneans, or whether they are money of the time of the first Jewish revolution. Some experts, like Reinach, F. G. Hill, and recently B. Pick in a paper published after his death, support the opinion that the thick shekels are not coinage of the Hasmoneans. However, as we know from the book of the Maccabees (15:5, 6), the Hasmonean, Simon, was authorized to issue Jewish coins by an edict of Antioch VII. The coinage of the ancient Jews and especially its outstanding representative, the silver shekel, has always been of highest interest, not only to archeologists, humanistic scholars and numismatists, but also to each layman interested in the biblical history. Therefore, since the scientific rediscovery of the shekel in the 13th century by the Ramban (1195-1270), and its enthusiastic description by the famous Spanish poet and theologian Arias Mantanus (1527-1598), (see figure 3) more and more scholars, collectors and religious people of different faiths became eager to possess such biblical monetary pieces.

FIGURE 3

The supply of genuine shekels was always, and is up to date, very limited, and the demands always far surpassed the existing supply. Therefore, beginning with the 16th century, forged shekels, gradually increasing in number, appeared on the market, and were often bought at the same high prices as the genuine ones. We do not know of any counterfeit shekels from classic times, in spite of the fact that we have a lot of forged money of other people from ancient time. For instance, we have the well-known Roman so-called Subaerati or Tunicati with a silver coating hiding a base metal content. No such shekel is known of the early times, and the few supposedly ancient forgeries of Jewish silver coins are extremely rare and by no means reliably traceable to the time of the genuine shekel. Perhaps the reason why we do not have any counterfeit Jewish shekels from that time is that these shekels were primarily used as a tithe or a gift for the Sanctuary, and therefore, there may have existed an understandable timidity concerning the forging of coins designated for the Sanctuary. However, from later times, we have many counterfeit silver shekels. Some of them were made with such outstanding craftsmanship that only the eye of an expert would recognize the fraudulent imitation. Among the outstanding personalities who are known for their forging of Jewish coins, I would like to mention only John Cauvin, who lived in Padua, 1499 to 1570. His products, the so-called Paduans, can up to date, still be found in collections and on the market. Another man famous for the forgeries with which he fooled his contemporaries and later generations, was the court counselor, Backer, in Offenbach, Germany, who died in 1830. A list of Backer's forged coins was published in Berlin in 1843 by M. Pinder. We find that Backer issued as genuine pieces not only modern editions of the most precious ancient coins, but even such coins which never existed. He also made a Jewish silver shekel of the year 2 (probably our figure 2). It is not intended here to give a detailed report of all traceable forgeries of ancient Jewish coins. Their selling must have been a lucrative business because they are by no means scarce, and in this writer's collection are not only some of the rare old pieces of forged shekels, but also many of very recent time.

Shekel medals

Of much greater interest to me than the forged shekels were always those medals with Hebrew lettering which could be found in Europe in each coin dealer's shop, and can also be bought here in the United States, although not as frequently as in Europe. They are sold for a small price, under the title of "False shekels." In Europe they are sometimes advertised under the title of "Goerlitz shekels." They appear in the literature for centuries in the most varied types and forms, and, my own collection, up to now, comprises of not less than 81 such different types. There may surely exist many more unknown to me. All of these shekels have certain features in common which make them similar to the genuine shekel, and on the other hand some which differentiate them from it. Firstly, instead of the goblet present on the original shekel, these so-called false shekels have, on the averse, a censor or a vase with heavy smoke over it. This smoke may be the misinterpretation of the letters indicating the year of issuing which are written over the goblet on the genuine shekel. Secondly, each of these so-called false shekels has, on both sides, an inscription in Hebrew square lettering, on one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side indicating, in translation, "Shekel of Israel," and on the other side "The Holy Jerusalem." Both these inscriptions appear on the genuine shekel also, but never in square lettering. The lettering of the genuine shekel is always the ancient Hebrew alphabet. On the reverse of the so-called false shekel, there is always a design of a clipped staff from which, on both sides, small branches with leaves protrude, sometimes also berries. This again is very different from the genuine shekel, which as our picture shows, has on the reverse a three branched budding sprig.

It is common in most of the so-called false shekels that their size is much larger than that of the genuine ones. The latter has a diameter of about 23 mm, and the diameter of the shekel medals varies mostly between 27 and 36 mm. It is very seldom only 23 mm. The shekel medals are made of silver, tin, lead, brass, or iron. The old literature on Jewish coins mentions gold coins also, however no proof exists that the Jews had ever issued gold coins. I personally have never seen a golden shekel medal either, however a few shekel medals of gilt silver are in my collection.

Studying these medals for many years, it was very clear to me that these are by no means counterfeit coins made with a fraudulent purpose in spite that they unquestionably have been used in modern time and probably even in former centuries time and again to cheat ignorant collectors. The fact that some of these types bear a date of manufacturing, or, in Latin lettering, the initial of the artist, or even the name of the firm and of the place where they were made, excludes entirely the idea that they were fabricated as forged shekels. Therefore, in the monograph I wrote before on this topic, it was suggested that the unjustified name of false shekels for these products be substituted by the truly deserved designation of "shekel medals." A medal, as the name implies, is a piece of metal struck, or cast, without the purpose of being used as money exchange, or as forgery of a coin.

ORIGIN AND PURPOSE OF THE SHEKEL MEDALS

In the 16th century, the century of humanism, a widespread interest existed in Europe for everything connected with the knowledge of ancient times. At the same time, in Joachimsthal, Bohemia, the medalistic art was flourishing as never before in any part of Europe. Up to this day, the masterpieces of this time and this place are cherished and highly paid for objects on the numismatic market. To a very high degree, the medals of Joachimsthal were dedicated to biblical topics showing biblical scenes and personalities. In this way they gave the owner of such a medal not only a fine piece of art, but also instructions and information. We know from a contemporary author, John Muthesius, who visited Joachimsthal in the 16th century and described enthusiastically the impressively beautiful medals made there, that there could be seen next to other fine religious articles, also "Jewish shekels and other commemorative pieces." In this statement of Muthesius lies not only the proof that in the 16th century Joachimsthal produced shekel medals, but also a proof that in the 16th century these pieces were manufactured and sold as commemorative medals and not for the purpose of cheating collectors.

I was able to prove from documentary witness that the first shekel medal struck in Joachimsthal was a work of the famous Joachimsthal

engraver, Nickel Milicz, and probably issued about 1550. The dies of this first shekel medal were bought in 1612 from Nickel Milicz's grandson by Emperor Rudolf II, and may still exist in one of the Vienna collections or museums. A cast, an outstanding and unique piece still existing bearing the year 1584, was probably made from one of these early Joachimsthal medals. This shekel medal (the Meysel-Shekel), from the collection of my late father, Prof. Dr. Alexander Kisch, is now in the possession of my brother, Prof. Guido Kisch, New York. Similar to the type of this Joachimsthal medal are a few others in this writer's collection from the 16th century.

The existing plurality of types of shekel medals in the most different kinds of material, hints still to another purpose for which they must have been made and used. This purpose is clear through data I was able to collect from sources in Goerlitz, Silesia, which explain also why these shekel medals went into the German numismatic market under the name of "Goerlitz counterfeit shekels." In Goerlitz, in the 15th and 16th centuries, lived a patrician by the name of George Emmerich. He was, between 1481 and 1504, for five times, Mayor of the town of Goerlitz. He was a knight of the holy sepulchre in Jerusalem which he visited as a pilgrim. Emmerich became the initiator of building, in his home town, Goerlitz, as a place of pilgrimage for religious people, an image and imitation of the holy sepulchre in Jerusalem. Later on, such sanctuaries were built in many different places in Germany. We know from literature, that in Goerlitz, next to the sepulchre could be seen imitations of the supposed 30 silver pieces paid to Judas Iscariot. To the pilgrims visiting this place of pilgrimage, copies of such silver pieces were sold as souvenirs together with a description of the holy sepulchre. The oldest such description (1719) sold to the pilgrims, still preserved in the Goerlitz Museum, mentions that in the holy grave can be seen the silver pieces. In the collection of the Goerlitz Museum, attached to such a booklet of 1743 is still one of these shekel medals. But already in the 17th century, these medals have been very poular, and discussed and depicted in the literature. In 1671, among other coins, one such specimen was deposited in the knob on top of the steeple of the Nicholas Church in Berlin as a remembrance for coming times. In all places of pilgrimage, the need for souvenirs is very great, and we understand that the same was the case in Goerlitz as well as in other places of the holy sepulchre. These places may have been the source of most of the shekel-medals still in existence.

Up to now, I was able to trace the following towns in the world where shekel medals were manufactured: In Joachimsthal, Bohemia; Prague, the Capital of Bohemia; Goerlitz, Silesia; Hamburg and Holstein, Northern Germany. Some shekel medals were finally made, in the 19th century, in New York. A man by the name of A. Nicholas of New York had provided the issuing of such shekel medals in silver and bronze in the midst of the last century. Traveling in Europe, Nicholas was so impressed by such a shekel medal which he saw in the Vatican in Rome, that he ordered a drawing of the medal, and took care that copies of this supposed silver piece of Judas Iscariot were made as "a facsimile of the shekel of the sanctuary." He was not aware that he made and advertised widely only copies of a Bohemian or Silesian shekel medal. There exists also another type of shekel medals which stems from America, but I was not yet able to trace it back to its true source.

MASONIC SHEKEL MEDALS

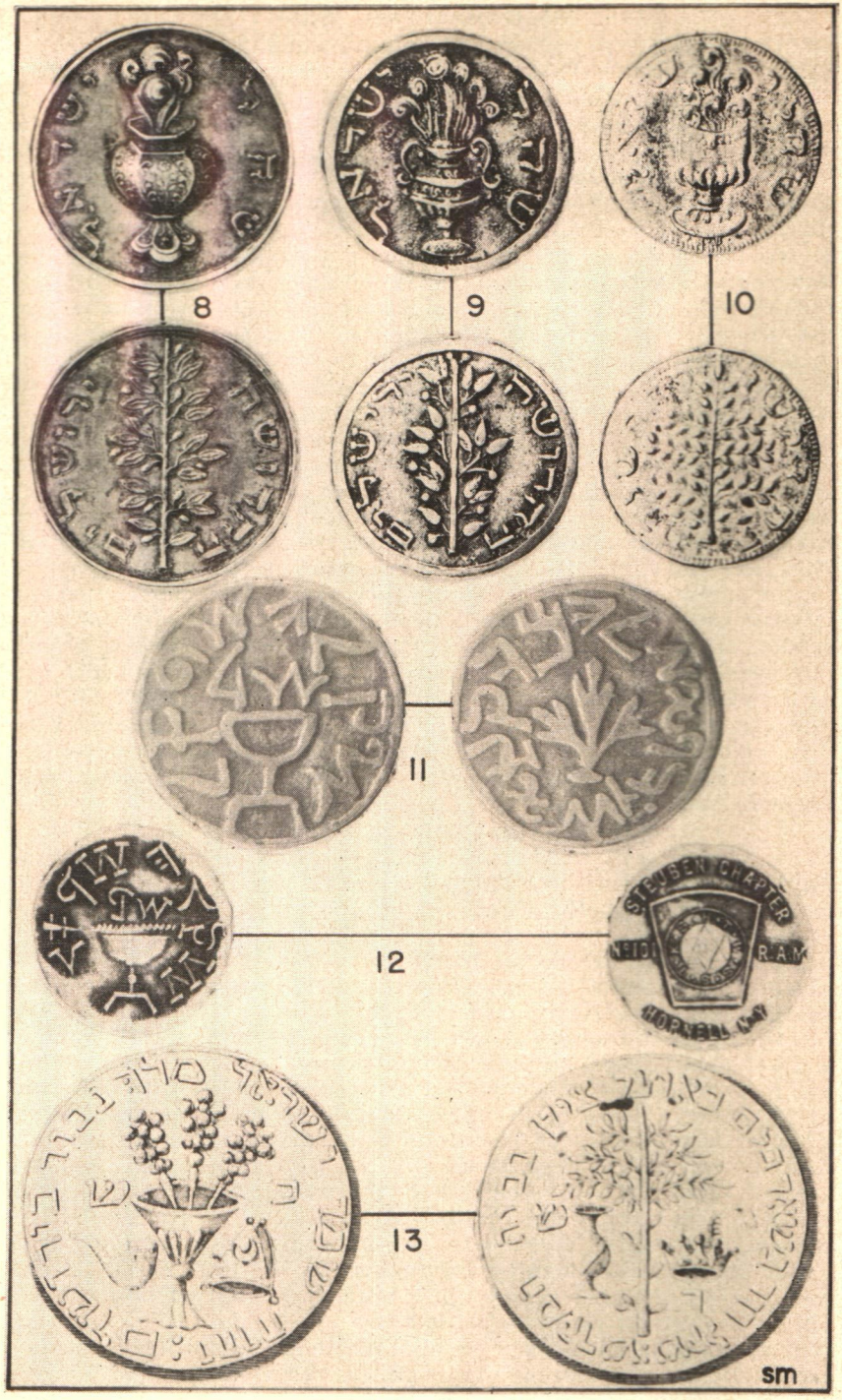
One special type of shekel medals was manufactured in the United States exclusively. That is the Masonic shekel medals. Different Masonic lodges here have medals issued for some Masonic purposes. On one side, these medals have the insignia of the lodge, and the name and number of the chapter issuing the medal, and on the other side, a rough imitation of a genuine shekel. In contradistinction to the European shekel medals, and the before mentioned two America types in which there is always square lettering, most of the Masonic shekel medals try to imitate very precisely the old shekel picture with the old Hebrew lettering. These bear the goblet on top of which the year is indicated by two letters, and only because of a lack of knowledge of the lettering of the original, the individual letters on some of these Masonic medals became fantastic meaningless signs.

Only a few such Masonic shekel medals are known to this writer with square lettering. One was depicted in *The Numismatist* (Vol. 55, page 16) in 1942. Here we have a different and very original purpose of making shekel medals for use in a secret society. The eldest representative of this group known to this writer is from the year 1866. This would mean a few years after Nicholas had made his shekels in New York and had given them a wide publicity through newspaper articles. This piece from 1866, from my own collection, has also square lettering. On the averse is a smoking vase with two handles. The inscription reads "Shekel Israel." On the reverse is the usual branch with leaves and berries, and the usual inscription "Holy Jerusalem." The date given on the reverse is 1866, and on the averse is a second inscription which could be deciphered as follows: Harmony R. A. Chapter No. 800 (806?) Fiftieth Anniversary July 16 in 1816. In my collection, there are not less than 14 different types of Masonic shekel medals (silver, white metal, copper). Some of them were worn, as can be seen from the loop attached to them.

LYON'S SHEKEL MEDAL

A very peculiar shekel medal made in a very fanciful and elaborate way is already described with a picture in the 17th century, by the famous numismatist Hottinger, and by others. An enthusiastic teacher of Hebrew, by the name of S. Lyon, published an entire pamphlet on this shekel medal, which he thought to be from King David's time and of which an issue was found by laborers in 1809 when they were digging amongst ruins near Huntington.

Only a part of all the known shekel medals shows an artistically fine and valuable pattern, like the Meysel shekel mentioned before (1584), and most of the pieces from the 16th century, or Lyon's shekel medal (17th century). Most of the shekel medals, however, were cheap stuff, mass production, made of base metal to be sold for a few cents to faithful pilgrims. Only three of them can, with a certain surety, be attributed to specific artists. The first is the shekel medal of 1584, which probably goes back to the original of Nickel Milicz. The second is an extremely fine silver shekel with the initial of the artist I. B., which I could attribute to Johan Buchheim, born in Breslau, Silesia, 1624. He died in 1683. Another shekel which bears the initial of its artist R. B. can be seen in our figure 10. It is a fine artistic piece. The exact copy of it without the initial exists in my collection. The initials probably go back to Rudolf Bornemann, mint master at Zellerfeld, from 1676 to 1711.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I tried to present all of the different types of shekel medals of my own and those known to me of other collections, according to their averse into groups so that they may be easier to distinguish. Each new copy found can be fitted into this system and easily sorted, whether it is one of the known ones or not. The groups of subdivisions offered are the following:

A. Dated shekel medal from 1584. B. The pieces with a Chalice-like smoking urn, with a conical leg. C. The handleless smoking urn with a narrow neck. D. Smoking urn with two handles and a narrow neck. E. Cylindrical smoking urn with narrow leg and broad pedestal. F. Goblet without smoke, inscription in ancient Hebrew lettering. G. Shekel medals of the American Masonic Lodges. To this may be added an eighth (also American) group "H" containing medals with an averse side like the Masonic Lodge medals, but on the reverse, instead of the Masonic insignia, an inscription which shows no connection with a Masonic Lodge. My own collection contains such a piece of which the averse is very similar to that of the lodge Harmony Royal Arch Chapter, No. 52, issued 1914. The reverse, however, reads as follows: The coin of Elijah, Grand Rapids, Welfare Union, "Peace be to thee and to all thy house."

The pictures added to this paper show a representative of each group of the shekel medals.

Figures

1. A genuine thick silver shekel (Year 2).
2. Forgery of a silver shekel. Probably 18th or beginning of 19th century.
3. The first scientific publication of the genuine shekel given by Arias Montanus in 1572.
4. Silver shekel medal (Meysel shekel) of 1584.
5. Type B. 16th century, gilt silver.
6. Type B. (Silver) of the 19th century.
7. Type B. The New York, Nicholas shekel medal (19th century). Silver.
8. Type C. The shekel medal with J. Buchheims initials. 17th century (silver).
9. Type D. 19th century. Vase with two handles. Silver.
10. Type E. Shekel medal with the initials R.B. 17th century.
11. Type F. Silver. Old Hebrew lettering.
12. Type G. Masonic Chapter medal. American, 19th century.
13. Lyon's depiction of the shekel medal he thought to be a shekel of King David's time.

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REMARKS ON ROMAN PORTRAITS

By T. W. WARD, Fall Brook, California

It has often been said that the art work on the coins of ancient Rome is inferior to that on those of Greece. While this is true in general, there is one branch of art work in which the Romans have never been surpassed. That is in portraiture. The Greeks produced fine idealistic portraits; but the Romans aimed to show a man's face exactly as he looked in all details. And they did very well at it.

As all Roman emperors showed their effigies on coins, thus Roman Imperial coins present accurate portraits of all the emperors, the weaklings and incompetents as well as the great and able ones, throughout the whole history of the empire. We can see exactly what they looked like. These are the best portraits of them that exist — and in many cases they are the only portraits of them in existence. There are Roman coin portraits showing people unknown in history, for example, Paulina, the wife of Maximinus I (235-238); Mariniana, the wife of Valerian I (253-260), and others.

Coins of several emperors show their features at various ages. This is conspicuous in the case of Caracalla (196-217) whose early coins show him as a boy, then as a youth, then a young man, and finally with a bearded face wrinkled by care.

In addition to the portraits of what might be called the legitimate line of emperors and their families, there also exist portraits of various rebels, usurpers, pretenders of all kinds. Many of these were very obscure men, ruling small areas for brief periods, as the Emperor Marius who ruled for only three days in Gaul (267). Coins of Marius are scarce, but a surprisingly large number exists for such a short reign. This may be due to two causes: the possibility that coins were struck clandestinely in preparation for his usurpation; and that after his death the mint continued striking before the news reached it. Certainly three days seem insufficient for the preparation and issue of a series of coins.

During the disturbed and confused reign of the Emperor Gallienus (joint emperor 253-260; sole emperor 260-268), when the entire Roman Empire was racked with every kind of disaster — wars, plagues, rebellions, political corruption, and financial distress — and it seemed as if it were breaking up, a whole host of rebel emperors sprang up, mostly in the outlying provinces. There were so many of these that in the *Scriptores Historiae Augustae,* Trebellius Pollio calls them *Tyranni Triginta,* or the Thirty Tyrants, in a rather far-fetched analogy to the Thirty Tyrants of Athens. And most of these rebels struck coins, many of them of very crude workmanship. Most of these rulers were very obscure and reigned for very short periods; little is known of them except that we have their portraits on coins. However, some of them were men of considerable ability — in fact, of more ability than the legitimate Emperor, Gallienus. One of these was Postumus, who seized Gaul in 258 and ruled it ably until his death in 267. Postumus issued an extensive coinage and his coins are very common, but are a little difficult to obtain in fine condition. Many of them are poorly struck.

In 287 another able rebel, Carausius, seized control of Britain and held it successfully until his murder in 293. The home government, being unable to dislodge him, made a virtue of necessity and recognized him as joint emperor in charge of Britain. During his reign he issued an extensive coinage, much of the workmanship being crude. But crude or good, all of his coins have a very characteristic portrait, showing him with heavy features and an unusually thick "bull" neck.

The Roman coin artists did not flatter their subjects. I have read some place, but cannot recall the reference at the moment, that when the first specimens of coins for Claudius I (41-54) were presented to him for approval, he at first rejected the issue. He stated that they made him look ridiculous, and it was only after his officials assured him that he really looked like that in profile and didn't realize it because a man normally doesn't see himself that way, that he approved the coins. He said that if that was the way he looked, then he couldn't help it, and he regarded the coinage as somewhat of a joke on himself. The point of this story is the complete absence of flattery in portraiture; it was neither offered, nor insisted upon. The coiners showed the emperor his defects, and he consented to being shown thus.

A curious feature of Roman coin portraiture is that during the struggles for the throne during the third century, when emperor after emperor was murdered — often after a very short reign — the coins of the new ruler sometimes show the portrait of the previous one. For instance, in 235 Maximinus the Thracian murdered Severus Alexander, and became the Emperor Maximinus I. The mint officials evidently were advised of the change in rulers before they were supplied with a portrait of the new emperor to reproduce on coins, and not knowing what he looked like, they simply continued using the portrait of the dead emperor. Thus the first coins of Maximinus I have his name and titles, but the portrait is that of Severus Alexander. There are other such cases.

It was stated at the beginning of this article that the Roman coin portraiture was excellent; that is true, but it did not continue so. As the empire went into its decline, the art work declined along with everything else. So while early portraiture is very fine work, the time came when the work became poorer; the portraits began to look more like flat, lifeless drawings, even though it is obvious that the artists still tried for accuracy. But the decline continued, until after Constantine I (306-337) the faces became so conventionalized that they all look much alike. Finally, especially in the Eastern Empire after the fall of Rome, the portraits hardly look even human, but often resemble grotesque faces such as a child might draw.

During the period of skilled workmanship, there is one class of coins that is an exception from the usual accurate portraits; this is the series of "restoration" coins. A restored coin is one copied more or less accurately from the type of a deceased emperor and issued by a later one, with an inscription stating that it is restored. The obverses of such coins bear the names and titles of the earlier ruler and a supposed portrait of him; but in many cases the portrait is not correct. This seems to be due to the efforts of the artists to give a "slant" to the features, so that they would somewhat resemble those of the current emperor.

It is evident that the Roman mints considered the portrait work of the highest importance, and assigned their best workmen to that work. Many Roman coins with very fine portraits have reverses of considerably inferior work, indicating that different men worked on the two dies. The main object was to get a good portrait; the reverse was secondary, and the lettering of still less importance. Often coins with fine portraits have mediocre reverses, and irregular lettering.

THE NEW YORK NUMISMATIC CLUB

Report by Committee on Programs

The establishment of a definite program to be followed at meetings is necessary for the maintenance of interest, the attraction of new members to the club and the general coverage of the numismatic field over an extended period. In the New York Numismatic Club the collectors are predominantly collectors of U. S. coins with a substantial percentage of collectors of foreign coins, note collectors and token or medal collectors. Some collectors confine their collections to certain specialized items. Each one of these groups should be encouraged to show his prized coins to other collectors of the same type of collection and also to the collectors of other types of numismatic material. The committee does not know what program should be undertaken for the exhibit of ancient Greek and Roman coins and of medieval coins. Perhaps one or two meetings a year should include such items unless a greater interest is stimulated in such items.

In addition to the exhibit of coins, one of the important phases of club activities is the reading of papers or the delivery of extemporaneous talks. Members should be encouraged to read such papers and requests should be made sufficiently in advance to permit preparation.

In the matter of exhibits a regular manner of selecting the topics should be adopted, not a haphazard selection. The method of covering the subject of the regular U. S. issues has been a logical one. In the case of foreign coins there are at least two logical programs, one geographical and one alphabetical. The alphabetical program has been successfully used by other clubs and is recommended.

We have in our midst a number of collectors of paper money. The exhibit of these items should be encouraged, but because of the limited number of denominations available to even the wealthy collector, a definite extended program is difficult to formulate. There are several members of the committee who are not very familiar with paper money and who feel that they would like to be educated on such matters as the difference between Federal Reserve Notes, Federal Reserve Bank Notes, National Bank Notes, silver certificates, gold notes and the like. Paper money collectors may be called upon to supply such matters of information.

In addition to the above three types of exhibits and those of token collectors, it is suggested that some special topic of interest to some member on the floor be selected each month. A paper or talk may or may not accompany it.

Topics for the year 1949 prepared in conformity with logical arrangement are given below:

March:
U.S. quarter-eagles from 1796 to 1839
Coins of Australia
United States demand notes, interest bearing, compound interest and refunding notes
Medals and tokens of Madison, Jackson, Tyler, and Cleveland

April:
U. S. quarter-eagles from 1840 to 1929
Coins of Austria up to 1857
United States legal tender notes of one dollar denomination
Medals and tokens of Jefferson, Monroe, Buchanan and Grant

May:
U.S. three dollar gold pieces
Coins of Austria from 1857 to 1919
United States legal tender notes for two and five dollars
Medals and tokens of Truman

June:
U.S. half-eagles from 1795 to 1838
Coins of Austrian Republic
United States silver certificates of one dollar denomination
Medals and tokens of U.S. vice presidents who never became president

July:
U.S. half-eagles from 1839 to 1929
Coins of Albania
United States silver certificates of other denominations
Medals and tokens of John Quincy Adams and Coolidge

August:
U.S. eagles from 1795 to 1865
Coins of Afghanistan, Angola and Argentina and other countries beginning with letter A (Azores, Annam, Anhalt, Argau)
United States national bank notes, Federal Reserve Bank notes and coin notes of one dollar denomination
Medals and tokens of Benjamin Harrison and Hoover

September:
U.S. eagles from 1866 to 1932
Coins of Belgium and Belgian Congo
United States national bank notes of denominations over one dollar
Medals and tokens of Taft

October:
U.S. double-eagles 1850 to 1932
Coins of Brazil
Federal Reserve Bank notes over one dollar
Medals and tokens of John Adams, Hayes, Arthur and T. Roosevelt

November:
U.S. half-cents from 1793 to 1808
Coins of Bulgaria
Federal Reserve Notes
Medals and tokens of Polk, Taylor, Pierce, Garfield and Harding

December:
U.S. half-cents from 1809 to 1857
Coins of Bolivia
Bills with unusual numbers or signature peculiarities
Medals and tokens of Van Buren, Johnson and Wilson

January:
U.S. large cents from 1793 to 1807
Coins of British Colonies
Freak bills, inverted reverse notes and double denomination notes
Medals and tokens of Fillmore, McKinley and F. D. Roosevelt

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Obituaries

JOHN HOWARD SNOW, A. N. A. 2013

It is with the deepest feeling of loss that we write of the passing of our dear friend, Charter Member and Member of the Board of Governors of the Mound City Stamp Club.

John died suddenly of heart disease Monday evening, February 14, 1949, while attending a meeting of the Missouri Numismatic Society, at the Melbourne Hotel in St. Louis. He was laid to rest in Bellefountaine Cemetery in St. Louis Friday, February 18th. Mr. Snow, a nationally well-known collector of stamps and coins, and for many years a Dealer, was born in St. Louis, September of 1881. Most of his childhood was spent in St. Louis, and he was graduated from Missouri University. His store of information and his stories of early St. Louis provided many pleasant moments for his friends. He was a member of the National Coin (ANA) and Stamp (SPA) Societies and was widely known and highly regarded wherever he went.

As a local collector Mr. Snow was one of the founders of the old St. Louis Stamp Club, from which the Mound City was originated. He was a charter member and many times held important offices in the Mound City Stamp Club. His positions at the time of his death was a member of the Board of Governors and Bourse Chairman of the Open House. He was also, an active coin collector of long standing, having, exhibited his coins in the St. Louis World's Fair of 1904. He was considered one of the nations outstanding coin experts, and was past president of the Missouri Numismatic Society of St. Louis.

— From *Mound City News,* St. Louis, Mo.

WILLIAM F. KRAFT, A. N. A. 2968

Another long time member of the A. N. A. has passed on, for on February 25, 1949, William F. Kraft of Redwood City, California, died after a lingering illness.

Mr. Kraft was a real numismatic enthusiast, for he had been a student of coins from the numismatic aspect, and was able to present most entertaining and historically accurate talks on coins of ancient, middle age and modern European coinages.

He was President of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society in 1938 and was made an Honorary Member at its 33rd Anniversary Banquet in June, 1948. He joined P. C. N. S. on December 29, 1920, and thus was one of the few real old timers who was associated with the many fine activities of the Society years ago. In addition, he held membership in the California Philatelic Society in San Francisco and the Sequoia Stamp Club in his home, Redwood City, California.

The innumerable pleasant memories of his numismatic activities will lighten the blow at his passing, and his many collector friends share in the grief that has befallen Mrs. Kraft.

— ROY HILL, A. N. A. 4455

GERMAN WAR TOKENS ("NOTGELD")

By O. P. EKLUND, A.N.A. 1961, Spokane, Wash.

(Continued)

HAYNAU (SILESIA)

The City

676. 5 pfennig n.d. Obv., MAGISTRAT DER STADT (rosette) HAYNAU (rosette). Crowned shield of arms, (three towers and a small shield on which a spread eagle) in beaded circle. Rev., KLEINGELDERSATZ-MARKE***. In center 5 in corded circle. Iron. 20 mm.
677. 25 pfennig n.d. Similar but 25 on reverse. 23 mm.
678. 50 pfennig n.d. Similar but 50. 25 mm.

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679. 5 pfennig n.d. Obv., HAYNAUER*STADT BLATT*. In center 5 within a beaded circle. Rev., similar to last. Zinc. Octagonal. 20 mm.

HEBERTSFELDEN (BAVARIA)

Private Issue by Franz Paul Gramsamer

680. 10 pfennig 1920. Obv., FRANZ PAUL GRAMSAMER*HEBERTSFEL-DEN*. In the field, MIT GANZER|KRAFT|VORWARTS|*("With all strength, forwards"). Rev., 10|.PFENNIG.|1920, NOTGELD above. Zinc. 21 mm.

HECHINGEN (HOHENZOLLERN)

The City

681. 5 pfennig 1918. Obv., crowned shield of arms (quartered "white" and "red") between sprays of oak, within a plain cartouche, STADT above, HECHINGEN below. Rev., in center a large 5 in a square frame, KRIEGS|NOTGELD above, 19-18 at sides, PFG underneath. Iron. Octagonal. 19 mm.
682. 10 pfennig 1918. Similar but 10 on reverse. Octagonal. 22 mm.
683. ½ mark 1918. Similar but ½ and MARK below. Octagonal. 25 mm.

HEIDELBERG (BADEN)

The Town

684. 10 pfennig n.d. Obv., STADT GEMEINDE*HEIDELBERG*. Shield of arms (a crowned double tailed lion rampant standing on "purple" ground, the field "black"). Rev. KRIEGS GELD • PFENNIGE. In center 10. Iron plated. 21 mm.
685. 50 pfennig n.d. Similar but 50 on reverse. Milled edge. 22 mm.
686. 10 pfennig n.d. Similar with a hole below the value.
687. 50 pfennig n.d. Similar. (Plain edge). Second issue.

HEILBRONN (WURTEMBURG)

The City

688. 10 pfennig 1918. Obv., KRIEGSGELD —HEIL=—BRONN, a figure in armor ("a landsknecht" or warrior) standing, holding a sword, and a standard on which a spread-eagle is displayed, (a statue on the tower of the "Kilians" church), at sides 19-18, above a small .L.(LOCK, the designer). Rev., large 10 within a border of points. Iron. 21 mm.
689. 10 pfennig 1918. Similar but zinc.
690. 50 pfennig 1918. Obv., a female (Kathchen von Hailbronn) standing, facing to left, at sides 19-18, border of large dots. Rev., KRIEGSGELD (cross) HEIL—BRONN, in the field large 50, below .L. (Lock, the designer). Iron. Octagonal. 25 mm.
691. 50 pfennig 1918. Similar but zinc. Octagonal.

HEILIGENHAFEN (SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN)

The Town

692. 10 pfennig n.d. Obv., STADT GEMEINDE*HEILIGENHAFEN*. Shield of arms (six towers surmounted by two standards between which the "nettle leaf" of Holstein) within a plain circle. Rev., KLEINGELDER-SATZMARKE*. In center 10. Zinc. 20 mm.
693. 10 pfennig n.d. Similar but 10 only, on reverse. Iron. Octagonal. 21 mm.

HEILIGENSTADT AND WORBIS (PROV. OF SAXONY)

The District, or "Circle"

694. 5 pfennig 1919. Obv., KREISE HEILIGENSTADT UND WORBIS*1919*. In the field the arms (two wheels, one above the other, over a cross between). Rev., NOTGELD*PFENNIGE*. In the field 5 within a beaded circle. Iron. Octagonal. 21 mm.

HENGERSBERG (BAVARIA)

Private Issues

695. 20 pfennig n.d. Obv., MULLER – SALEGG*HENGERSBERG*. In the field 20. Rev., KLEINGELDERSATZMARKE***. In center 20 in beaded circle. Iron. 23 mm.
696. 50 pfennig n.d. Obv., similar to last but a circle of beads around 50. Rev., large 50, NOTGELD below. Iron. 26 mm.
697. 10 pfennig n.d. Obv., JOSEF WIEDENBECK•HENGERSBERG•. In center 10. Rev., KLEINGELDERSATZMARKE***. In the field 10 within a beaded circle. Zinc. 20 mm.

HENRIETTENHUTTE (SILESIA)

Iron Works

698. 5 pfennig n.d. (1920). Obv., EISENWERK HENRIETTENHUTTE*. In center 5. Rev., a large ducal crown. Iron. 19 mm.
699. 10 pfennig n.d. Similar but 10 on obverse. 23 mm.

HEPPENHEIM (HESSEN)

The District

700. 5 pfennig 1918. Obv., around the Hessian lion in center six shields of arms of the towns in the district: (Mayence, two wheels on a cross; Worms, a key; Odenwald, a free horse; Wimpfen, a spread eagle holding a key in the beak; Erbach, three six-pointed stars; and Pfalz, a doubletailed lion rampant), the whole in form of a rosette cantoned by small stars. Rev., •KREIS HEPPENHEIM•. In the field 5 surrounded by four small iron crosses, within a tressure of four arches, at the sides of the lower 19-18, a scroll below. Iron. 20 mm.

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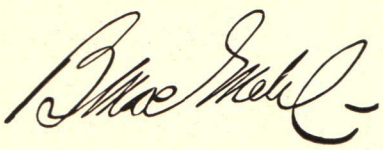

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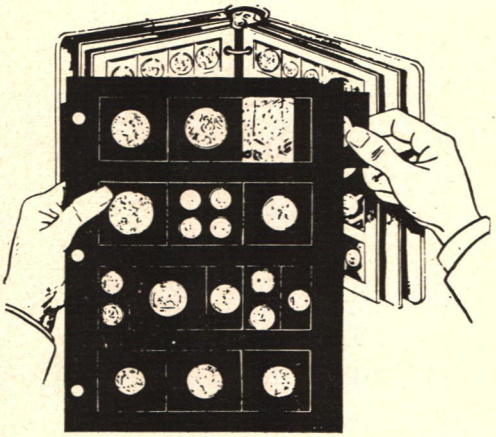

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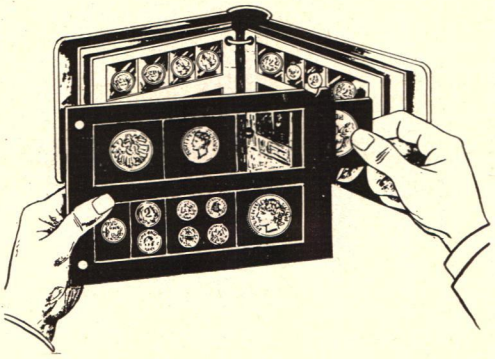

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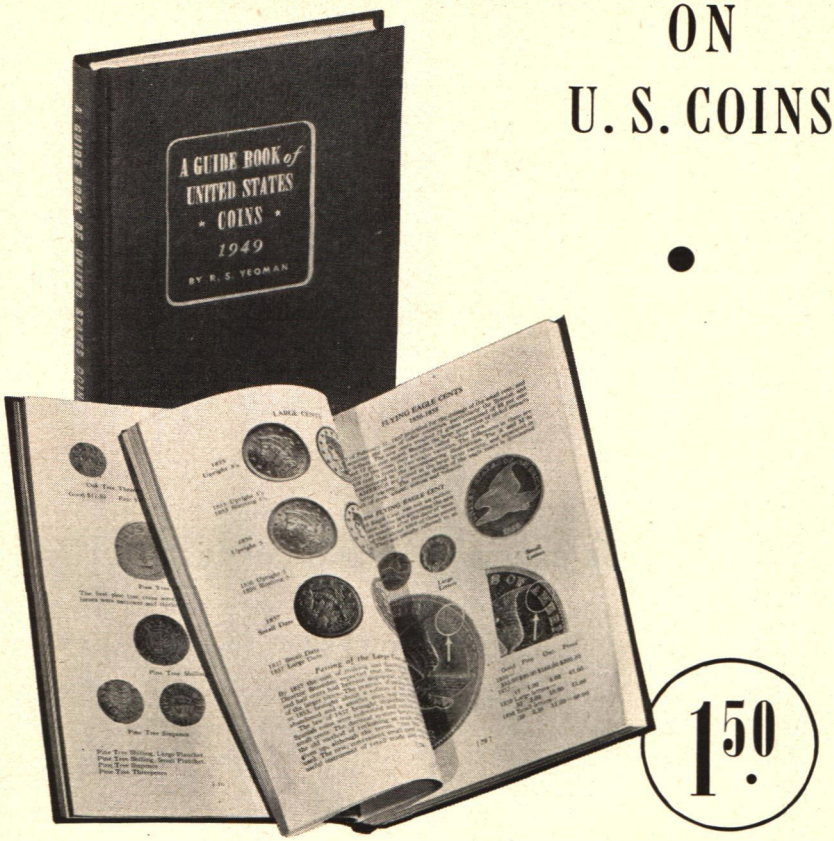

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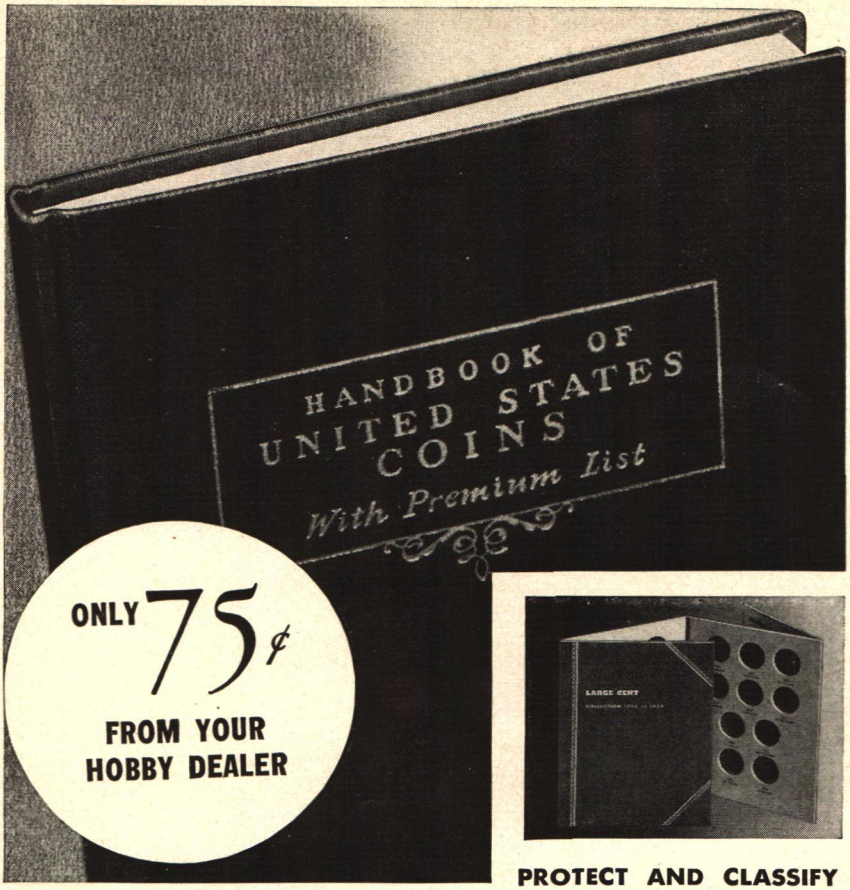

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SARDINIA 1829 5 Lira. Ex. fine..... 2.50
SOUTH AFRICA 1892 Paul Kruger. 5 Shillings. Ex. fine..... 7.00
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SWEDEN 1935 Gustaf V. 5 Kroner. Unc..... 4.00
STRAITS SETTLEMENTS 1901 Trade Dollar. Proof, rare..... 6.00
STRAITS SETTLEMENTS 1903 One Dollar. Proof, very rare..... 12.00
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VATICAN CITY 1939 Two coins 5 & 10 Lire, unc..... 2.00
YUGOSLAVIA 1938 50 Dinars. Ex. fine..... 3.00
VENICE 1848 5 Lire. Ex. fine..... 2.50

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Spain:
1820 Madrid Mint. Ferdin VII. Doubloon GJ. XF $75.00

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1834 Semi-proof, gem $36.00
1835 Unc. With proof surf. 22.50
1836 Bril unc. Was a proof 22.50
1836 Unc. Was a proof. Small wire edge obv. 22.50
1837 XF 14.50
1838 XF 14.50
1839 XF 19.00
1839-C Abt. unc. Die breaks 23.50
1839-D VF 20.25
1839-O Unc. 22.50
1840 XF 17.00
1840-C VF 20.25
1840-O F 10.45
1841-C Much rarer than Catl. indicates. XF 36.00
1842 Very rare. VF 31.50
1842-C XF 40.50; VF 31.50
1842-O Unc. 22.50
1843 Abt. unc. 18.00
1843-C Large date. XF 19.00
1843-C Small date. Ex.F. 21.50
1843-D Small date. Bril. unc. 22.50
1843-D Small date. XF 16.25
1843-D Small date. VF 12.25
1843-O Large date. Rare. AU 40.50
1843-O Large date. Rare. XF 31.50
1843-O Small date. Bril. unc. 23.50
1843-O Small date. XF 12.50
1844-C XF 19.75
1844-D XF 15.25
1844-D VF 11.75
1845 XF 14.00
1845-D XF 17.00
1845-O Very rare. XF 44.00
1846 AU 17.00
1846-D XF 15.25
1846-O Bril. unc. 19.75; XF 12.50
1847 AU 18.00
1847-C XF 15.25
1847-D Bril. unc. Sharp 27.00
1847-O Bril. unc. 21.50; XF 11.75
1849 Unc. 23.50; AU 19.75; XF 15.25
1850 XF 10.45
1850-C XF 22.50
1850-O VF 9.00
1851 Bril. unc. Wire edge obv. 13.50
1851-O Bril. unc. 18.00
1852 XF 8.50
1852-C Unc. Wire edge both sides 21.50
1852-O XF 9.50
1853 Unc. 9.50
1854 Unc. Wire edge, frost 11.25
1854-D Very rare. AU 157.50
1855 Bril. unc. Gem. Wire edge rev. Both 5s perfect 22.50
1855 Unc. 11.25
1856 AU 11.00; XF 8.75
1856-S XF 11.75; VF 10.75
1857 Wire edge both sides. Bril. unc. 13.50; AU 11.00
1857-D AU 61.25
1857-O Bril. unc. 15.25; AU 12.50
1857-S Bril. unc. 17.00; AU 13.50
1858 Unc. 15.25
1858-C Unc. 25.00
1859 Unc. 30.00
1859 AU. Wire edge 21.50
1859-D Bril. unc. 67.50
1859-S Much rarer than Catl. indicates. F 18.00
1860 Bril. unc. 22.50
1860-S AU 19.75
1861 AU 10.75; XF 8.50
1861-S Very scarce. Nearly F 11.25
1862 Unc. 22.50
1865-S Wire edge rev. Seldom found not worn. XF 19.75
1866-S AU 22.50; VF 11.25
1868 XF 18.00
1868-S XF 13.50
1869 Extremely F 18.00
1869-S XF 12.50
1869-S VF obv., XF rev. 9.50
1870 Proof, but tiny prick mark at top. Not very noticeable 27.00
1870-S Unc. 18.00; XF 12.50
1871 Bril. unc. 19.00; AU 15.25
1871-S Unc. 16.25; XF 11.75
1872-S XF 14.50; VF 11.25
1873 Unc. Some luster 12.50
1873 AU. Some frost 11.25; XF 8.75
1873-S Unc. 13.50; XF 10.75
1874 Unc. 27.00
1875-S Rare. AU 17.00
1876 Extremely F 18.00
1876 XF 15.75; VF 13.50
1876-S Unc. 19.00; AU 15.25
XF 13.50
1877 Rare. AU 25.25; extremely F 19.75
1877-S S by point of D. Bril. unc. 12.50; AU 10.75
1877-S S over the 1. AU 11.25
1878 Unc. 9.50; AU 8.50
1879 Proof 40.50; AU 11.00
1880 Unc. 25.50
1882 Proof 30.50; unc. 14.50
1886 AU 12.50
1887 Bril. supr. proof. Wire edge both sides. Gem 36.00
1887 Bril. supr. proof. Wire edge 29.75
1887 Proof. Few hair lines 24.50
1888 Bril. Proof 31.50; unc. 14.00
1889 Bril. supr. proof. Wire edge obv. A gem 36.00

O. B. WINDAU

308 Melrose Drive **San Antonio 1, Texas**

CHOICE U. S. AND FOREIGN ITEMS

Isabella, 1893 Quarter, uncirculated ..... $ 7.50
Columbian, 1892, unc. 1.25
Lafayette Dollar, 1900, Clapp No. 2, Ob. 1, Rev. B., unc. 12.50
Lafayette Dollar, unc. Clapp No. 4, Ob. 3, Rev. D, Rev. 15, leaves in spray; Very rare; this is the only variety of the Lafayette Dollar that contains 15 leaves in the spray. Several letters recut on obverse 20.00

Maine, 1920, unc. ...$ 4.50
Pilgrim, 1920, V.F... 1.00
Pilgrim, 1921, unc.... 5.50
Lexington, 1925, unc..$ 2.25
Stone Mountain, 1925, unc. 1.10
Cleveland, 1936, unc.. 1.25
San Diego, 1935, unc.. 2.00
Arkansas, 1935-1936, unc. 2.00

GOLD

Gold, U.S. $3.00, 1870 X.F. 22.50
Gold, Poland under Russia, 1822, 50 Zloty, Alexander, Czar of Russia and King of Poland. Unc. rare 32.00

FOREIGN CROWNS

Austria, 1880, 2 Florens, Franz Joseph I, Rev. Imperial crowned arms, brilliant, unc.... 3.50
Bremen, 1753, 48 Groats, Arms. Rev. Franciscus, H.R.E., V.F. 2.50
Courland, Vassal of Poland, 1780 Taler, Duke Peter Biron. Rev. Arms of Poland and Lithuania, X.F., rare 12.50
England, 1935, Crown, George V. Rev. Arms X.F. 2.50
France, 1933, 20 Francs, head of Liberty. Rev. Arms, X.F. 1.50
Frankfurt, 1776 Convention Thaler, view of Frankfurt — in exergue FRANKFURT; fine to very fine, rare 4.50
Hamburg, 1730, Broad Crown, Carolus VI, ornamental shield, castle, 3 towers, in center, unc., rare 4.00
Hamburg, 1901, 5 Marks, Rev. Arms of Germany, brilliant, unc. 2.50
Hanover, 1841, Thaler, Ernst August V. Rev. Arms, V.F. 1.75
Mansfield, 1626, Thaler, Duke David, knight mounted on horse. Rev. Arms, V.R., fine.. 7.50
Nurnberg, 1754 Thaler, Francis I, H.R.E. Rev., view of Nurnberg in exergue, Nurimberga, V.F., rare 5.00
Nurnberg, 1768 Thaler, view of Nurnberg, Jehovah. Rev. Josefa II, H.R.E.; in exergue, Nurnberg. V.F., rare 4.50
Panama, 1905 Dollar, Balboa. Rev. Arms, V.F. 1.40
Poland Dantzig, 1649 Talar, John Casimir, King of Poland, Rev. Arms, Free City of Dantzig, V.F., rare 12.50
Russia, 1725, Ruble Peter I the Great. Rev. Arms — schultes No. 1570, V.F., rare..... 5.00
St. Gall, Switzerland 1622, walking bear. Rev. Crowned arms H.R.E., rare..... 5.00
Zwolle, Holland Ecu 1612-1619 Matthias, Emperor H.R.E., arms of Zwolle, Rev. Arms H.R.E. inset arms of Zwolle, rare, V.F. 5.00

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Macedon, 350 B.C. Phillip II, Father of Alexander the Great, Tetradrachm, very rare, very fine, cut on the reverse $10.00
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1794 Chapman No. 6, rarity six, N. 43, rich brown color, nearly unc. $25.00
1805 D. 199, rich brown color, X.F. 25.00
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1821 A. 2, Y date and nearly unc., lustrous beauty, rare 35.00
1828 A. 10, small date, beautiful cent X.F., V.R. 17.50
1838 Unc., rich brown .....$ 2.50
1850 Unc. 1.50
1851 Unc. 1.50
1851 A. 7, rich brown, sharp, unc. ....$ 3.00
1852 Unc. 1.50
1853 Unc. 1.50

HALF CENTS

1832 V.F. .....$ 1.25
1834 X.F. .....$ 1.50

FLYING EAGLE AND INDIAN CENTS

1858 L. L., X.F. ....$ 1.25
1858 S. L., fine ..... .75
1862 Nice color, X.F.. .50
1864 L on ribbon, X.F., nice color, V.R. $15.00
1880 Unc., brown 1.50
1883 Unc., red 1.50
1884 X.F., brown ....$ 1.00
1900 Red, unc. 1.50
1905 Red, unc. ..... .75
1907 Red, unc. ..... .75

LINCOLN CENTS

1909-S VDB, nice color, X.F., V.R. ...$10.00
1909-S Fine .....$ 1.50

TWO CENT PIECES

1864 Red, unc. $ .85
1866 X.F. ....$ 1.50
1867 V.F. ....$ 1.00
1868 V.F. ....$ 1.00

FIVE CENT NICKELS

1878 Proof, very rare $20.00
1880 Proof, rare $11.50

QUARTERS

1876 Nearly unc. .....$ 1.50

HALF DOLLAR

1830 Large "O" nearly unc., scarce....$ 2.75

COLONIAL

Rosa Americana, 1722, Half Pence, vtile dvlci, Crosby No. 1 rich color, rare variety.....$10.00
Virginia, Half Cent, 1773, partly red, a gem, unc. 2.50
Haiti, 1855, pattern 10 Cents in copper, Faustin I, Emperor of Haiti, Rev. Arms, brilliant, proof 1.50
Liberia, 1890, pattern Cent, red, proof, rare 1.50

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	V.G.	Fine	V.F.	Unc.
1857	$ .40	$ .60	$1.00	$4.00
1858 LL	.60	1.00	1.95	8.00
1858 SL	.60	1.00	1.95	8.50
1859	.30	.60	1.00	4.50
1860	.30	.60	1.00	3.50
1861	1.00	1.95	2.95	7.50
1862	.15	.25	.50	1.00
1863	.15	.25	.40	.85
1864 CN	.50	1.00	1.50	3.50
1864 BR.	.25	.75	1.25	3.75
1864 L	6.00	9.00	13.00	25.00
1865	.20	.60	1.00	3.00
1866	1.95	4.00	5.50	12.00
1867	1.95	3.25	4.50	9.50
1868	1.95	3.25	4.50	9.00
1869	2.45	4.00	6.00	12.00
1870	2.45	4.50	6.50	12.00
1871	3.25	5.95	7.50	16.00
1872	4.25	7.50	10.00	20.00
1873	.60	1.50	2.50	5.00
1874	.60	1.50	2.50	5.00
1875	.60	1.50	2.50	6.00
1876	1.50	2.75	3.50	7.00
1877	8.50	14.00	18.50	40.00
1878	1.50	2.75	3.50	7.00
1879	.15	.50	.75	2.75
1880	.10	.30	.45	2.50
1881	.10	.30	.45	2.50
1882	.10	.25	.40	1.75
1883	.10	.25	.40	1.75
1884	.20	.40	.65	2.50
1885	.50	1.50	2.45	6.00
1886	.20	.40	.65	2.50
1887	.10	.20	.35	1.75
1888	.10	.20	.35	1.75
1889	.10	.20	.35	1.75
1890	.06	.10	.20	1.75
1891	.06	.10	.20	1.75
1892	.06	.10	.20	2.50
1893	.06	.10	.20	1.75
1894	.06	.10	.20	2.50
1895	.06	.10	.20	1.75
1896	.06	.10	.20	2.95
1897	.06	.10	.20	2.95
1898	.06	.10	.20	2.50
1899	.06	.10	.20	2.50
1900	.06	.10	.20	1.75
1901	.05	.10	.20	1.50
1902	.05	.10	.20	.90
1903	.05	.10	.20	.90
1904	.05	.10	.20	.90
1905	.05	.10	.20	.75
1906	.05	.10	.15	.75
1907	.05	.10	.15	1.30
1908	.05	.10	.15	1.00
1908-S	1.50	2.25	2.75	7.50
1909	.05	.10	.15	.75
1909-S	7.75	9.95	12.50	25.00

HALF DIMES

	Ex.F.	Unc.
1794 Flowing hair	$ 90.00	$120.00
1795	40.00	60.00
1797 Thirteen stars	110.00	125.00
1797 Fifteen stars	75.00	85.00
1797 Sixteen stars	100.00	115.00
1800 3rd type	40.00	50.00
1800 LIBEKTY	75.00	100.00
1801	100.00	125.00
1803	100.00	115.00
1805 Rare	200.00	215.00
1829 Phrygian cap, motto over eagle	2.50	3.50
1830	2.00	3.00
1831	2.00	3.00
1832	3.00	5.50
1833	2.00	3.00
1834	2.00	3.00
1835 4 kinds, sm. & lge. date & 5c	2.00	3.00
1836 2 kinds, sm. & lge. date & 5c	2.00	3.00
1837 2 kinds, bust type & Lib. seated	7.50	9.00
1838 With stars	2.00	3.00
1838-O Without stars, RARE	40.00	50.00
1839 With stars	2.50	3.50
1839-O	3.00	4.00
1840 No drapery at elbow	2.00	3.00
1840 With drapery at elbow	10.00	12.50
1840-O No drapery at elbow	5.00	7.50
1840-O With drapery at elbow	12.50	15.00
1841	2.00	3.00
1841-O	3.00	5.00
1842	2.00	3.00
1842-O	3.50	6.00
1843	1.75	3.00
1844	3.00	5.00
1844-O	5.00	7.50
1845	1.75	2.75
1846	35.00	50.00
1847	2.50	3.50
1848 LARGE DATE	5.00	7.50
1848 Small date	2.00	3.00
1848-O	7.50	10.00
1849	1.75	2.75
1849 Over 48.	3.00	5.00
1849-O	17.50	22.50
1850	2.00	3.00
1850-O	8.00	5.00
1851	2.50	3.50
1851-O	1.50	2.75
1852	2.50	3.50
1852-O	5.00	7.50
1853 No arrows, scarce	7.50	10.00
1853 Arrows at date	.65	2.25
1853-O No arrows, rare	50.00	65.00
1853-O Arrows at date	1.75	2.75
1854	.50	1.50
1854-O	3.00	4.00
1855	.75	1.75
1855-O	7.50	12.00
1856 No arrows at date	1.50	2.75
1856-O	4.00	7.50
1857	.75	1.50
1857-O	2.00	5.00
1858	.75	1.50
1858-O	2.00	3.00
1859	1.25	2.25
1859-O	1.50	2.50
1860 No stars	.75	1.50
1860-O	2.00	3.50
1861	.75	1.50
1862	1.00	1.50
1863	5.00	7.50
1863-S	10.00	15.00
1864	25.00	35.00
1864-S	7.50	12.50
1865	7.50	10.00
1865-S	10.00	12.50
1866	4.50	6.50
1866-S	12.50	17.50
1867	4.00	6.50
1867-S	12.50	17.50
1868	2.00	3.00
1868-S	2.50	5.00
1869	2.00	3.00
1869-S	4.00	6.50
1870	1.00	2.00
1871	.75	1.50
1871-S	17.50	22.50
1872	.75	1.50
1872-S	5.00	7.50
1872	3.50	6.00
1873	1.50	3.00
1873-S	2.00	3.50

LIB. ST. QUARTERS

	Fine	V.F.	Unc.
1916	$35.00	$45.00	$75.00
1917 T. 1	.60	1.00	2.75
1917-D T. 1	1.25	2.50	9.50
1917-S T. 1	1.25	2.50	12.00
1917 T. 11	1.50	2.00	6.00
1917-D T. 11.	2.50	4.00	16.50
1917-S T. 11.	2.00	3.50	14.00
1918	1.50	2.50	10.00
1918-D	2.00	3.00	17.50
1918-S	1.50	2.50	12.50
1919	2.00	3.00	14.00
1919-D	3.50	5.00	17.50
1919-S	5.00	7.50	

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	G-G+	VG-VG+	F-F+
1909-S	$ .55	$ .65	—
1910-S, '11-S, '12-DS, '13-S	.15	.20	$ .30
1911-D, '13-D, '21-S, '24-S	.10	.15	.20
1914-D	1.85	2.75	3.95
1914-S, '15-S, '22-D, '23-S, '26-S	.15	.20	.30
1922-Broken "D"	.75	1.00	1.25
1922-Plain	1.25	1.75	2.75
1924-D	—	.35	.50
1931-S (VF .80)	—	—	.70

All others, VG to VF 10c (No 1909-S-VDB)

LIBERTY NICKELS

1883 NC (VF .20; XF .30; abt Unc. .35)	—	—	.15
1883 WC, '84, '87, '88, '94	.35	.55	1.10
*1886 (Fr. 1.00)	1.75	2.50	—
1889 to 1900	.20	.30	.60
1901 to 1912	—	.15	.25
1912-D	—	.20	.50
1912-S	1.50	2.25	4.25

BUFFALO NICKELS

1913-P1 (VF .20; XF .30; AU .40)	—	—	.15
1913-D1 (VF-VF+ 1.25)	.25	.40	.75
1913-S1 (Fr. .25)	.60	.85	1.60
1913-P2; '14-P, '15-P (VF-VF+ .40)	—	.15	.20
1913-D2 (Fr. .40)	.85	1.25	2.25
*1913-S2 (Fr. 1.25; abt G 2.00)	3.50	5.00	8.50
1914-S, '19-DS (Fr. .20)	.35	.50	.75
1914-D, '15-S, '21-S (Fr. .25)	.50	.75	1.50
1916-P to '25-P (VF-VF+ .35)	—	—	.20
1915-D, '16-DS, '18-DS, '20-DS	.25	.35	.65
1917-S, '26-S	.45	.65	1.25
1917-D, '23-S to '27-DS	.20	.30	.60
1930-S, '31-S (VF-VF+ .35)	—	.15	.20
*1918-D (8 over 7)	4.50	5.75	—
1937-D (Three-legged) (VF-VF+ 1.65)	—	1.00	1.25

1937-D (Three-legged. Practically Uncirculated 3.00)

JEFFERSON NICKELS

1939-D (VF-VF+ .30)	—	.12	.15
1939-S (VF-VF+ .20; XF .30)	—	—	.12
1939-P Re-engraved (VF-VF+ .40)	—	.25	.35

1945-D (Indian Feather die-break, B.U. .35)
All others (F to XF .10)

MERCURY DIMES

1916-D (Fr. 2.00; abt G 2.50)	3.50	4.50	7.50
1921-PD	.25	.40	.75
1917-DS to '28-DS, '30-S	—	.20	.30
1925-D, '26-S, '31-DS	—	.25	.35

1942-P (2 over 1) (VF 3.25; XF 3.75; AU 5.50; Unc. Bril Gem 10.00)
All others (F to XF .20)

BARBER DIMES

1892-PO, '93-P, '94-P, '96-P	$ .25	$ .35	$ .75
1893-OS, '98-OS, '99-OS	.50	—	—
1892-S, '94-O, '96-OS	1.75	—	—
1897-O, '95-P, 1901-S	1.50	—	—
1895-S, '97-S, '03-S, '04-S	1.00	—	—
1900-PO, '02-S, '05 Small-O	.35	.55	—
1906-DOS, '07-OS, '08-O	.35	.55	—
1909-DOS, '10-S, '13-S, '14-S	.35	.55	—
All others (VF-VF+ .85)	.25	.35	.60

(1895-O Wanted)

BARBER QUARTERS

1892-O, '93-PO, '94-POS	.50	.75	—
1892-S, '96-O, '97-S, '99-S, '01-O	1.00	—	—
1902-S, '03-S, '08-S, '09-O	1.00	—	—
1893-S, '95-S, '97-O, '98-O, '15-S	.65	—	—
1895-O, '98-S	.50	.75	—
*1896-S (Fr. 3.50)	—	—	—
1900-O, '02-O, '05-O, '11-DS	.75	—	—
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1943-D, 1942-PS type 2	3.00
1942-P type 1	6.50
1941-S	5.50
1941-P, 1938-D Buffalo	3.85
1940-P	4.50

Rolls (50) Brill. Unc. Dimes

	Roll (50)	Each
1948-D, 1947-D	$5.50	$ .15
1948-SP, 1947-SP	5.75	.15
1946-DP, 1945-DPS	6.00	.15
1944-DP, 1943-D	6.00	.15
1943-P, 1942-D, 1941-D	6.50	.20
1942-P, 1941-S	7.50	.25
1943-S, 1937-P	8.25	.25
1942-S, 1940-DPS		.25
1939-DP, 1938-DP		.30
1938-S		.60
1937-D		.50
1937-S, 1936-S		.75
1936-P, 1935-P		.40
1935-S, 1935-D		.75

Rolls (40) Brill. Unc. Quarters

	Roll (40)	Each
1948-D, 1947-D	$11.00	$ .35
1948-SP, 1947-P	11.25	.35
1947-S, 1946-DPS	11.75	.40
1945-DPS	12.00	.40
1944-DP	12.50	.45
1944-S, 1943-D		.60
1943-P	14.00	.50
1943-S, 1942-PD, 1941-D		.75
1941-P	14.50	.50
1939-S, 1938-S, 1936-S		1.75

Rolls (20) Brill. Unc. Halves

	Roll (20)	Each
1948-D, 1947-D	$11.25	$ .65
1946-DPS, 1945-DPS	12.00	.75
1944-DPS, 1943-DP	12.50	.75
1943-S, 1942-DPS		1.10
1941-P	13.00	.80
1938-P, 1937-P, 1936-P		1.50
1936-D		1.75

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1916-D	$6.25	$11.50		
1916-S		.25	.50	
1917, '18		.25	.50	
1917-DS	.25	.50	1.00	
1918-DS	.25	.50	1.00	
1919, '20		.25	.50	
1919-DS	.25	.50	1.00	
1920-DS	.25	.50	1.00	
1921	.50	.75	3.50	
1921-D	.50	.75	1.50	
1923, '24		.25	.50	3.50
1923-S	.50	.75		
1924-DS	.50	.75	1.00	
1925, '26		.25	.50	
1925-DS	.50	.75	1.00	
1926-DS	.50	.75	1.00	
1927		.25	.50	
1927-DS	.50	.75	1.00	
1928		.25	.50	2.00
1928-DS		.50	.75	
1929		.25	.50	
1929-D		.50	.75	2.00
1929-S		.50	.75	
1930		.25	.50	
1930-S	.50	.75	1.00	
1931-PSD	.50	.75	1.00	
1934, '35			.25	1.00
1934-D			.25	
1934-D Re-cut 9		2.00		
1935-DS			.25	1.25
1936, '37			.25	.50
1936-DS			.25	
1937-D			.25	.75
1937-S			.25	1.00
1938, '39			.25	.50
1938-D			.25	
1938-S, '39-DS			.25	.75
1940, '41				.50
1940-DS			.25	.50
1940-S, '41-S "Broken nose"			.25	1.00
1941-DS			.25	.50
1942				.50
1942-2 over 1			5.00	
1942-DS			.25	.50
1942-D Re-cut 2			2.00	
1943-PDS				.50
1944-PDS				.50
1944-Leaf nose			.25	
1945-PDS				.50
1945 Small S			.25	

HALF DOLLARS

	Good	V.G.	Fine	V.F.
1911-PD		1.50	2.00	
1912-PDS		1.50		
1913-PS, '14-S		1.50		
1913-D	1.00	1.50		
1914		2.50		
1915		1.50		
1915-DS		1.50	2.00	
Stand. Lib.				
1916-PDS	1.00	1.50	2.50	
1917-S obv.	1.00	1.50	2.50	
1917-D obv.	1.00	1.50	2.00	
1917-PDS	.75	1.00	1.50	
1918-PDS	.75	1.00	1.50	
1919-PDS	1.00	1.50	2.00	
1920-PS	.75	1.00	1.50	
1920-D, '21-S	1.00	1.50	2.00	
1921-PD	1.00	1.50		
1923-S, '27-S, '28-S	.75	1.00	1.50	
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	5 Rolls	1 Roll
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1942-SP T-2 Roll 2.85; 1942-P T-1		6.25
1941-S Roll 5.00; 1941-DP		4.00
1940-SP Roll 4.25; 1940-D		5.50
1938-D Buf. Roll 4.00; 1937-D		8.00

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1943-DP Roll 6.00; 1942-DP		7.00
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1940-SP Roll	15.00
1939-D Roll	17.50

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1935-P VF	1.50	1943-P AU	.60
1936-P AU	1.50	1943-D AU	.60
1937-S AU	2.40	1943-S AU	.60
1938-S AU	1.50	1944-P AU	.50
1939-P AU	1.00	1944-D AU	.60
1940-P AU	1.00	1944-S AU	.50
1941-P AU	.75	1945-D AU	.50
1941-S AU	1.25	1945-S AU	.50
1942-P ExF	1.00	1946-P Unc.	.50

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1941 Uncirculated	1.50
1941-D Uncirculated	1.50
1941-S Uncirculated	1.50
1942-D Uncirculated	1.50
1942-S Uncirculated	1.50
1943-D Uncirculated	1.25
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1875-CC 20c. Fine	4.25
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1932-S Quarter. Unc.	12.50
1909-S Lincoln Cent. V. fine	1.25
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1868 F ..... .50
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1909 Fine .... .50
1909-O VG ... 2.75
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1914 Fine .... .50
1915 VG ..... .35
1916-D Fine .. .65
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1926-S GVG .. .45
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1927-D UNC. . 2.25
1928-D UNC. . 1.25
1928-S Fine .. .65
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1932-D FVF .. 2.75
1932-D VF ... 4.50
1932-D A.U. .. 8.50
1932-S FVF .. 1.75
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1938-S UNC. . .50
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1853-O VG ... 1.00
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1893-S VG ... 1.35
1893-O GVG .. 1.00
1895-S VG ... 1.75
1900-S VG ... .35
1900-S FVF .. 1.50
1901-S VG ... 2.95
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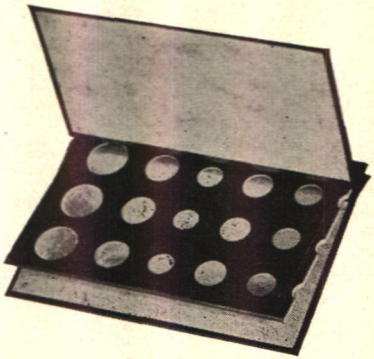

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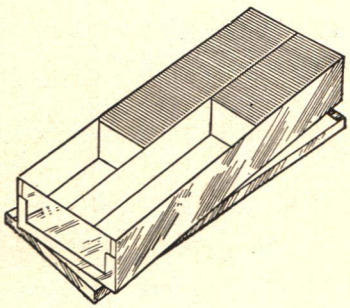

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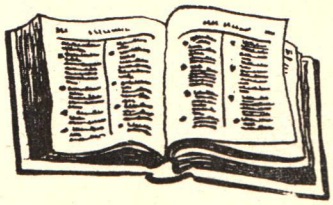

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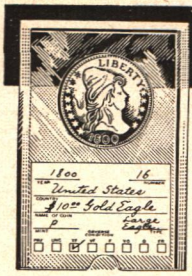

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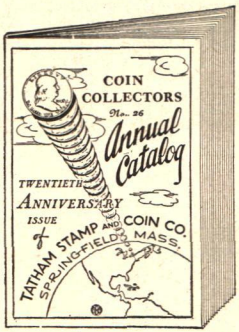

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From the desk of the General Secretary

LEWIS M. REAGAN
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Nominations for Office

In the March issue, on page 178, there appeared the official call for nomination of officers for the 1949-1950 Association year. Just what does this mean to you, as a member of the Association? It means that any member in good standing, including affiliated clubs, may nominate any other member, except junior members or clubs, for any elective office in the Association. There is no nomination committee and no prepared slate. These nominations must be made in writing, mailed to the office of the General Secretary, and must be received prior to June 22, 1949. They will not be acknowledged but those nominated will be notified immediately and candidates must accept their nominations in writing on or before the closing date, mentioned above. Nominations sent in after June 10 should be accompanied by written acceptance of the nominee.

The nomination and election of your officers should receive your careful attention. The internal operation of the Association, at its present size, is so complex that the membership cannot involve itself in the details of such operation. The actual administration of the Association is in the hands of the Executive Board, which you elect, and the other officers, elected or appointed, serving under the direction of the Executive Board.

It has been customary for most of the nominations to be made by affiliated clubs, formerly called corporate members. This is appropriate but need not be restricted to only these. It is a waste of time to nominate a member who you know will not accept, and it is worse than a waste of time to nominate a member unqualified to discharge the duties of the office. You should review these duties, as prescribed in the By-Laws, before making any nominations. Then nominate the persons whom you believe to be best qualified to discharge those duties. There should be no other considerations. It indicates endorsement and implies support when you nominate a candidate already nominated by others. Please do not neglect this important privilege and duty of your membership.

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It is hoped that these remarks will help us give you more efficient service . . . if you will cooperate.

LEWIS M. REAGAN
General Secretary

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various gaps so that the finished work presents a handy compilation of information on English coins of the period. With literature on English coins being somewhat difficult to obtain this book should go far in helping to fill this need. This is especially true when one considers that this work is to be followed by a second book covering the English silver coinage from 1649 to 1948.

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President's Page

Our National Coin Collection

On a recent trip east I was privileged to visit the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. Our national coin collection has a prominent place in the institutional program. The men responsible for the good work are: Dr. A. Wetmore, Secretary, and John Graf, Acting Secretary, of the Smithsonian Institution, Stuart Mosher, and many others.

The personnel of the Smithsonian Institution has made notable accomplishments with the national coin collection, which is the finest and most complete of any in this country and perhaps of any in the world.

There are 13,608 pieces on exhibit, which are presented in attractive cases. All the coins are being cleaned and reattributed, and new cards, with proper explanation of such pieces, are in the process of execution.

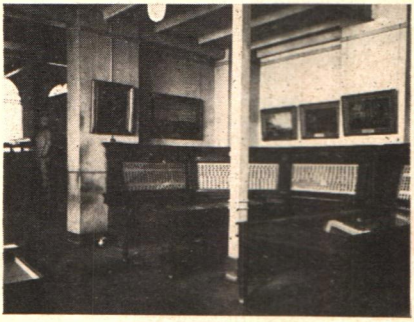
The coins on exhibit consist of ancient gold, silver, and copper, foreign gold, U. S. gold, U. S. private gold, U. S. patterns, U. S. copper, silver, and nickel, and foreign minor, foreign dollar-size coins, and medals. The Lincoln collection, probably the finest in existence, occupies a focal point in the display.

One of the most striking exhibits is that of U. S. gold coins, of which there is a complete collection of U. S. double eagles. It is an exhilarating experience to examine an 1849 U. S. double eagle, not to mention the rare St. Gaudens high relief roman numerals, of which it is said there are but 16 copies, and the two pieces of the same type, smaller but of double thickness. The Moritz Wormser Memorial collection is there on display. These coins belong to the American Numismatic Association and are in the Institution on permanent loan. The A.N.A. has been adding to this exhibit for a long time, and will continue to do so as new issues are purchased. We have another public exhibit of coins in the Joslyn Memorial, Omaha, Nebraska.

The A.N.A. owns a wide variety of other coins not yet on exhibit, but they will be when suitable space is found and additions are made.

Would you like to present a collection of coins, medals, or paper money to one of these collections?

Other great rarities of U. S. money too numerous to specify are there, as well as complete collections of gold, silver, and copper of this and other countries, and extensive rarities of world coinage.



Smithsonian Institution photograph

The Coin Hall

The display room is large and airy. The lighting has been partially replaced to great advantage. The problem of adequate lighting for all display cases is receiving further study, and when modifications have been made the arrangements will be all that could be desired. We owe a lot to Dr. Wetmore and his fine crew for their achievements to date, and for their future program. If you find yourself in Washington, D.C., by all means visit the Smithsonian Institution not only to look over the remarkable coin collection, but to view the many other exhibits that are of eventful significance in American history.

This year will be notable for our hobby in particular and for numis-

matics in general. Your Association is steadily growing. You will be gratified to know that we now have the largest mailing list to date in our history. This can be accounted for by the energetic work of our District Secretaries, by the interest and enthusiasm of the members, and by the favorable publicity that coin collecting has received. The Association's publicity, consisting of Ted Hammer's articles on coins, medals, and paper money, appearing throughout the country in newspapers and periodicals, is attracting widespread interest.

In the *Saturday Evening Post* of February 5, 1949, there appeared an article on coins, "Want $3,750 for a Nickel?" a story of the coin business and of the establishment of B. Max Mehl of Fort Worth, Texas. This, too, has stimulated additional interest in our hobby, and in the A.N.A.

By the time our current year closes, with that momentous convention in San Francisco, August 21-25, it will indeed be another year rich in numismatics.

By the way, speaking of San Francisco, the boys and girls of the West Coast are planning unusual attractions for us. This is one meeting you cannot afford to miss. Plan now to attend.

Sincerely,

Loyd B. Gettys

LOYD B. GETTYS, *President*

SAN FRANCISCO WILL BE A VACATIONER'S DELIGHT

By ROY HILL, For the Publicity Committee

San Francisco offers visitors many interesting attractions to suit all tastes, one of which is its world renowned eateries. Here you can get food typical of any nationality prepared in proper style amidst appropriate atmosphere, that will be appreciated by anyone, even of regal tastes.

In the downtown area are many fine hotels each with restaurants that have an atmosphere all their own. Then, scattered within a four block radius of the Palace one can enjoy the individuality of eating places whose "ancestry" goes even back as far as the days of '49.

Out Montgomery Street, mentioned last month, just past the sector that used to be the waterfront in 1849 is North Beach, with its many French and Italian eating places where good food is the trade mark, and here too are the few places catering to night life in a Barbary Coast style.

In the outer edges of the city are many dining establishments of which those in Fisherman's Wharf should be mentioned, for here you can get tasty sea foods brought in from the sea the day you eat them! There is color to your trip there if you use the mode of transportation that has no counterpart in any American city — the cable car. To get the real bang out of it, you would start out from the turn-table terminus at Market and Powell, after having assisted, as do all good tourists, in turning the cable car around; this ride takes you up over Nob Hill where lived in "palaces" the financial giants of half a century ago and then on into the northern section of North Beach to the other turn-table terminus at the edge of Fisherman's Wharf.

On the Pacific Ocean side of San Francisco is the Cliff House facing the famed Seal Rocks, where a good view is had of the entrance to the storied Golden Gate, where many ships have come to infamous ends, one of which is said to have gone down with a fabulous cargo of gold which

to this day has eluded treasure seekers. Through this same waterway came the first ship to bring gold seekers, in February of 1849, to San Francisco.

For a city of a compact 44 square miles there is much to see and do, and even the most seasoned travelers couldn't do justice to their desires even if they had a month. To those of you who will be coming for the A. N. A. Convention August 21-24, if you have any places you would especially like to see, you might let such desires be known in advance, so you might be directed there individually if it is not otherwise covered in Convention programming.

The numismatic exhibition in connection with this Convention is for members of the A. N. A. in good standing, so it is time now to decide that you are going to exhibit and what the subject of your exhibit will be. The exhibit cases are 25" by 40" and each exhibitor will be limited to 3 cases because of space limitations. It is planned to have paper money exhibited in stamp frames 22" by 24". This will conserve space and give them a better setting. These stamp frames will hold 4 sheets of paper 8½" by 11" so exhibits mounted on such sheets will be easy to set up. Where it is desirable to fold over paper money to show variations of printings, etc., coin cases will be used so as not to "crease" such items.

San Francisco has not had a good coin exhibition in a long time, and with a good response for this Convention the aim of the A. N. A. in promoting a greater interest in coins can be attained and numismatic activity should be increased in this area as a result.

We'll see you in San Francisco.

DOMESTIC COINAGE EXECUTED BY VARIOUS MINTS DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 1949

Denomination	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver	Total Value	Total Pieces
SILVER					
Half Dollars — Regular	$ 92,000.00	.....	.....	$ 92,000.00	184,000
Half dollars — Commemorative: Booker T. Washington	6,002.00	$ 6,002.00	$ 6,002.00	18,006.00	36,012
Quarter dollars	433,000.00	.....	.....	433,000.00	1,732,000
Dimes	818,000.00	.....	769,000.00	1,587,000.00	15,870,000
Total silver	$1,349,002.00	$ 6,002.00	$ 775,002.00	$2,130,006.00	17,822,012
MINOR					
Five-cent pieces	.....	.....	$ 223,900.00	$ 223,900.00	4,478,000
One-cent pieces	$ 281,300.00	$166,000.00	132,700.00	580,000.00	58,000,000
Total minor	$ 281,300.00	$166,000.00	$ 356,600.00	$ 803,900.00	62,478,000
Total domestic coinage	$1,630,302.00	$172,002.00	$1,131,602.00	$2,933,906.00	80,300,012

COINAGE EXECUTED FOR FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS

Mint	Country	Metal	Denomination	Total Pieces
Philadelphia	Cuba	Silver	20 Centavos	1,360,000
Philadelphia	Cuba	Silver	10 Centavos	3,440,000
				4,800,000

The Editor's Corner

Numismatic Items That Are not Coins

Dear Sir:

Many years ago, when I began collecting coins, specializing in Colonials, Pioneer and Private Gold Coinage, and U.S. Types, I would have appreciated very much the following, or similar, information from some older collector, or from an article in some numismatic magazine.

1. There is no U.S. Half Cent of 1837, and the one advertised as such under the caption: "Half Cent Worth of Pure Copper" is a private issue, and has no business being included by a dealer or any one else in the list of U.S. half cents. It belongs in the class of Hard Times Tokens, or Store Cards, and has no more standing as a U.S. coin than wooden nickels or any other private product.

2. The counterfeit California gold dollars, half dollars and quarters, listed and sold by some dealers as "California Souvenirs," and under other attractive and delusive titles, are fakes of the first water. No reputable dealer should handle these worthless brass discs, let alone try to pass them off, either by direct description or implication, as belonging in a class with genuine territorial and private gold coinage.

3. The 1856 eagle cent is a pattern, and does not belong in the regular issue of U.S. cents. The eagle cent was coined under an Act of Congress in force February 21, 1857, which shows that the flying eagle cent dated 1856 was simply a pattern or experimental coin and had no legal authority.

4. Norse centennial medals, thick and thin, put out in 1925, should not be included in a list of commemorative coins. They are not coins, and should not be classified as such by any dealer or any one else.

Of course, in the above cases, if you are collecting store cards, or counterfeit coins, or pattern pieces, or medals, then it would be all right to spend your money for these items, providing you buy them for what they are, and not under the impression that you are getting genuine U.S. coins, or, in the case of the second item, genuine specimens of California private gold coinage. The least that any reputable dealer could do, if he handled any of the above, or similar items, would be to so describe them as to fully inform the buyer just what he was getting, and not give the buyer any just grounds for afterwards claiming that he had been swindled, and that the dealer was a fraud.

Yours truly,

ARTHUR D. CUTLER
A.N.A. 6951
Madison, Indiana

Coins Should Be Exhibited, Not Buried!

Dear Sir:

I am a new member in the A.N.A. and perhaps what I want to say has already been brought to your attention. If it has please pardon my presumption.

The practice of leaving to institutions or organizations collections of coins which to all intents and purposes are buried from that time on is highly objectionable. Several instances of this locally have recently come to my attention. Our club in one instance has succeeded in having at least part of the collection put on permanent display. In another case in a nearby city a coin dealer tracked down a rumor that a certain museum had a fine collection of coins stored away. They were finally found, but are still stored away, dirty, poorly protected, no asset to anyone.

In talking to a fellow collector just lately, he bemoaned the fact that his alma mater, a college in a neighboring state, had an unusually fine collection but that no one ever saw it unless they asked specifically. Then they were given the key to the room where it was stored in file after file.

It seems to me that if these facts, which can probably be multiplied hundreds of times the country over, were publicized enough it would result in fewer collections disappearing from sight upon the death of the owner. There is no intent on my part to say what should be done with one's collection, but certainly a buried collection is no asset to numismatics. Conversely, even if a collection is broken up and sold, that act alone stimulates interest in coins and adds zest to collecting.

Yours truly,

EARL BELLIS
Worcester, Mass.

Committee Received by Mrs. Ross

Mrs. Nellie Tayloe Ross, Director of the United States Mint, received on the afternoon of February 18 the A.N.A. Committee which had been appointed to investigate the possibilities of establishing a numismatic agency in Washington, D.C. Col. Joseph Moss headed the committee, other members present being Capt. O. H. Dodson and Vernon L. Brown. Stuart Mosher, editor of *The Numismatist*, was also present.

Leland Howard, Acting Director of the Mint, and Messrs. Slindee and Schram of the Treasury Department also took part in the discussion which was of an informal as well as an informative nature.

Proposals and opinions were freely exchanged and Mrs. Ross explained in detail some of the legal, technical, and economic operations of the United States Mint.

It has been many years since an official committee of the A.N.A. has met with officials of the Bureau of the Mint and this recent meeting has added to the agreeable relationship the A.N.A. has enjoyed with our Mint Officials over the last half century.

While no decision was arrived at the various matters discussed, it is hoped that in the near future the Treasury Officials will act favorably thereon.

Central States Numismatic Society To Convene in Detroit May 13 to 15

The greatest three-day annual convention of all times is being planned by the Central States Numismatic Society at the Book Cadillac Hotel, Detroit, from May 13 to 15. There will be special exhibits, bourse tables, an auction, a sight-seeing tour through famous Greenfield Village, and of course the grand banquet which will wind up the big event. The Detroit Coin Club will be host.

Russell W. Stehfest, general chairman of the Convention, anticipates a record-breaking attendance and his committees are hard at work arranging the details.

Those planning to attend should make hotel reservations at once by writing John F. McNamara, 17176 Ardmore, Detroit 21, Michigan.

Brooklyn Coin Club Elects Chaplain

The Brooklyn Coin Club which was the first major coin club to record a 100 per cent membership in the A.N.A. has again set a precedent. In recognition of the fact that coin collectors are the most democratic, decent, and non-denominational class of people in the entire world, the Brooklyn club has elected a "Club Chaplain." He is the Reverend Frank H. Hutchins, the moving spirit of the Church of the Redeemer, Brooklyn, New York.

No routine duties have been assigned to Mr. Hutchins, nor is it the intention of the Brooklyn Coin Club to introduce religion into numismatic discussions. His office is a benevolent one, to be exercised as the occasion arises.

Numismatic Frivolity

Perhaps you have read the recent reports on seven-cent nickels, $3 bills, and the like. Isn't it time that we issued a call for numismatic sanity? There is no need for seven-cent nickel pieces for lazy people who hate to bother counting out a five-cent piece and two cents.

Start something like this and we would soon have new denominations of coins every time there was a change in prices throughout the nation. It is hard to tell where it all might end except that a lot of us, whether numismatists or not, would probably land in a padded cell somewhere trying to figure out how to accommodate 7¢ and 12½¢ coins on the present-day cash register.

And the idea of a $3 bill with the portrait of Franklin D. Roosevelt! Start that and the next one would probably be a $4 bill with the portrait of President Truman. Soon we would have a set of odd denominations that would even surpass the broken bank bills of a hundred years ago. All of which is useless when we consider that even the present $2 bill has little use except to spend as a $1 bill.

If you have a lot of aspirin but no headache,
Try using a seven-cent nickel or a $3 bill.
The effort is sure to make you imprecate
When you find no place for them in the till.
If the legislators would stop trying to make
Laws of which I've had more than my fill,
And instead make a dollar that wouldn't inflate,
That would be the best thing yet done on Capitol Hill!

— ARLIE SLABAUGH

Notes & Queries

Dangers of Using Cyanide and Lacquer

Perhaps my degree of Doctor of Philosophy in chemistry should be discarded for I would not use sodium cyanide on my coins but anyone that wants to use it can do so.

My main criticism of Mr. Potter's paper (*The Numismatist,* January, 1949) lies in the fact that cellulose lacquer is a nitrate and it so happens that cellulose nitrate + copper + moisture ——→ cellulose + copper nitrate. This latter compound is a blue-green and if Mr. Potter will examine his copper coins after about a year under normal humidity conditions he will find blue-green streaks in the coating. Of course, under conditions of generally high humidity such as in Ohio I have observed this within a month.

Silver reacts similarly; cellulose nitrate + silver + moisture ——→ cellulose + silver nitrate. The latter compound is white and can be detected only by chemical means. Certainly casual observation will not indicate the presence of this corrosion product. Various other "ester" lacquers also have ill effects upon the metal. The catalyst used in the polyester types oxidizes the cleaned surface of the metal.

A final point is that cellulose lacquer films are extremely porous and possess a lattice structural characteristic. It is an extremely useful laboratory tool and cellulose lacquer films are used as filtering surfaces in many ordinary laboratory preparations. We found coins would tarnish even though "protected" by cellulose lacquer.

We are not writing this letter as a critic, although our comments might be worthy of consideration. We realize that *The Numismatist* is not a chemical journal and that its contributors are allowed a certain amount of "poetic license."

Yours truly,

KENNETH M. GAVER
Grove City, Ohio

Three Towns Named Changshow

Dear Sir:

Was interested in the reproduction and translation of the Chinese characters on the two metallic tokens in the August, 1919, issue of *The Numismatist,* which the translators were unable to attribute as locality of issue.

Reference has been made to the latest available List of Post Offices of the Chinese Directorate General of Posts. This indicates that there are three towns in China named Changshow with the identical Chinese characters as shown in the illustrations. These are located in Hopeh (Peiping), Kiangsu, and Eastern Szechuan provinces, respectively. As similar token of bamboo and metal have previously been attributed to various towns in the Yangtze valley, it appears highly probable that these tokens emanated from the Kiangsu town, and not from Manchuria or Korea, as indicated in your columns.

Yours very truly,

H. F. BOWKER
Oakland, California

There's a New Twist to This Thing Called Thrift

By HAROLD COLEE

Executive Vice President
Florida State Chamber of Commerce

A coin collector looks many times at each coin that comes his way, and there is developed in him a concept of monetary values non-coin collectors seldom possess.

If he wasn't thrifty before he began collecting specie, he becomes thrifty in the collecting processes.

Two years ago the coin collecting fever attacked me, a liberal coin spender. I still spend money, but not as lavishly, because I have collected some coins that are worth far more than non-numismatists would believe offhand, and I have become somewhat proud of my collecting judgment, though yet a rank novice.

I am now almost afraid to spend metallic money for there may be "gold" in it.

A characteristic of the stingy, I am told, is their ability to trade. Well, I've developed a knack at trading, and more, I have become a hoarder of sorts. In my safety-deposit bank box there reposes some coins I'll not sell 'til somebody comes along who is willing to pay through the nose.

Of course, I do not recommend stinginess, nor praise the hoarder, nor

do I admire one who exacts the last fraction-ounce of silver. These are not very good traits, but I do admire the saver, yet I was not one myself until I was "taken down" with coin-collecting.

I am not too young in the collecting business to observe this same quality in other just begun collectors, in whom a greater appreciation of money has sprung up.

Naturally, I am grateful to the coin collecting "industry," and to the American Numismatic Association.

The A.N.A. has shown that high idealism can be made to go hand in hand with thrift, and through its practices collectors are automatically thrown into close personal contacts with men and women of high character and unusual capabilities.

Unhesitatingly, I would recommend coin collecting – I mean the kind fostered by A.N.A. – as a means of leading one to thrifty habits.

Last Call to National Coin Week from Coast to Coast, April 22 to 28

So many of you have written me of your plans for displays, talks, etc., for Coin Week that I am confident of a more successful conclusion to this project than has been experienced in Coin Week History.

This then, is not for you who have already made plans – except – Good Luck to all of you.

Despite the assured success, I would like many others who do not – up to now – plan to participate to reconsider. It's difficult to tell you what you'll get out of it.

You'll get a deeper enjoyment of your hobby. You'll get the satisfaction of interesting others in your chosen pursuit. You'll enjoy the praise of those who view your displays.

If you can arrange radio or television programs you will enjoy new experiences in those fields, and at the same time, serve to spread the gospel about a hobby we all love.

If you can induce youngsters to spend their time collecting coins and studying numismatics, you will be serving the citizenry by forming fine citizens, for time spent with coins might otherwise be spent less profitably.

If you can write articles for newspapers or magazines you will set down for posterity the enthusiasm, the benefits, the desirability of coin collecting.

Finally – you'll get a glow inside – you'll realize that when you became a coin collector, you made no mistake. Get after your club secretary, tell him, "Yes sir! I'm going to make a Coin Week Display!"

A. KOSOFF, *Chairman*

Commemorative Helped on Museum

One of the most beautiful and interesting places in the Southwest is the El Paso International Museum. The stately Colonial building which houses the Museum was formerly the home of W. W. Turney. Situated in the center of a city block, it is an institution of which the citizens of El Paso can well be proud.

Outside of the city of El Paso it is not generally known that this museum was made possible by the sale of the Old Spanish Trail half dollar of 1935 and the generosity of Mrs. W. W. Turney. The coin, which was conceived and designed by L. W. Hoffecker, ex-president of the A.N.A., was well received by collectors and its sale gave the museum the needed cash to start it growing. Mr. Hoffecker labored for over twenty-five years in an effort to get the museum organized. The building is now clear of debt, the collections are rapidly growing, and it is now recognized as one of the cultural institutions of the city of El Paso.

Many Varieties of Nickels Dated 1866

Dear Mr. Mosher:

Every now and then we have inquiries regarding small and large motto shield nickels of 1866. As we have never noted any difference in

the mottoes on this particular coin we must admit to our complete ignorance on the matter. Do you have any authentic information?

Tatham Stamp & Coin Co.
Springfield, Mass.

Note: There are many varieties of early nickel 5-cent pieces but we know of no distinct varieties that might be called "large" or "small" mottoes. It may be that one of our readers can help you in the matter. – Editor

Chicago Coin Club Helps Hobby Show

Chicago Coin Club had a double booth at the World Hobby Exposition at the Coliseum, February 19 to 27, 1949. Several club members exhibited and gave their services and the 12 cases of numismatic material attracted much attention. One case was devoted to A.N.A. and many of the visitors asked questions about A.N.A., Chicago Coin Club and coins in general. Those who exhibited were well pleased with the interest shown by the thousands who visited the booth.

Coins Reported Stolen

On the night of February 6, thieves entered the home of Dr. Paul B. Firth of Portland, Oregon, and stole the following coins: Complete set of Indian head cents; complete set of Lincoln cents; flying eagle cent of 1856 in very fine condition; complete set of nickel 5-cent pieces; complete set of nickel 3-cent pieces; U.S. silver dollars of 1836, 1800, and 1871. Most of these coins were uncirculated or proof.

If they are offered to a collector or dealer, Dr. Firth would much appreciate being notified by a collect telegram. His office is in the Orpheum Building, Portland, Oregon.

All Roads Lead to Kansas City, Mo. Midwest Coin Conference, April 23-24

Sectional Conferences are gaining in popularity each year; and well they might, for some of them attract as many coin collectors as did our National Conventions of not so many years ago.

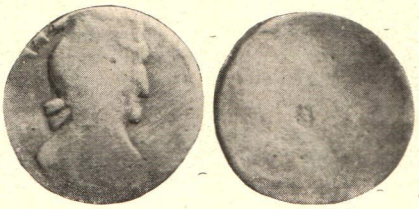
The Midwest Coin Conference, which will be held at the Pickwick Hotel, 10th and McGee Street, Kansas City, Missouri, on April 23 and 24, is being sponsored this year by the two leading numismatic societies of Missouri – the Heart of America Numismatic Society and the Missouri Numismatic Society.

The Conference Committee, headed by Herbert E. Rowold, has been many months making plans for the event, at which they anticipate a record-breaking attendance.

Reservations are still being accepted but they should be sent in without delay. Herb's address is 1307 Brush Creek Blvd., Kansas City 4, Mo.

An Unlisted "Blacksmith" Token

In a lot of foreign coins that I acquired recently I found a "Blacksmith" token which I believe to be unpublished since it is not listed by Howland Wood in "Canadian Black-



smith Coppers." The token is of copper or bronze with a flan of medium thickness. The reverse is either blank or completely worn. Do any other collectors have this variety?

R. C. WILLEY, A.N.A. 13690
2372 Windermere Road
Windsor, Ontario, Canada

Indianapolis Coin Club Show, May 7-8

You and your friends are cordially invited to attend our annual open house.

This year's show will be held in the Florentine Room (mezzanine floor), Claypool Hotel, starting Saturday at 10 a.m. and ending Sunday, 6 p.m.

The program will include displays of coins, cash prizes for best displays, bourse tables for dealers, an auction by W. E. Pollard consisting of coins to be furnished by various club members.

For further information contact: Lee T. Long, Secretary, 4806 E. Washington St., Indianapolis 1, Ind., or phone IR 1407.

Department of Odds and Ends

A reader wants to know why the Mexican gold 50 peso piece is called a "centenario." He claims that a "centenario" should be a 100 pesos, not 50. The name "centenario" refers, not to the denomination, but to the fact that it was first coined in 1921 to commemorate the Centennial of the Independence of Mexico. . . . **Plenty of complaints** coming in on the reissues of the Booker T. Washington half dollars. The coin was authorized in 1946 and at that time the intent of the commission, while highly impra-

ticable, seemed to be of worthy purpose. Since then they have been issued yearly and certainly the 1949 issue of 12,000 sets can be considered nothing more than an attempt designed to gouge coin collectors.

The claims and counter-claims as to which state has the most A.N.A. members prompted us to consult the recently published A.N.A. Directory. We measured the space devoted to state memberships and found that New York State has a listing 102 inches in length. California is next with 93 inches. California has about 20 less "place names" but that is not enough to account for the nine inch columnar difference. Only three members are listed for the state of Nevada. We have twice that many members in South Africa, or in a dozen or more foreign countries listed in the Directory.

The Paris office of **Time Magazine** forwards a letter from **John B. Bennett,** 3 Brandreth St., Tusmore, Adelaide, Australia. Mr. Bennett, 26, collects coins of foreign countries and he would like to correspond with collectors living in the United States. . . . **Harry Mathews** is postcarding his friends from Acapulco, Mexico. He claims he is taking a vacation from numismatics. . . . **Orange County Coin Club** put out a handsome brochure on the 10th Anniversary held January, 1949. Well supported by advertisers, too.

It seldom makes the headlines but every once in a while a local chamber of commerce wants the United States Government to establish a "branch mint" in their town. You can't blame the boys for trying. . . . **The New Zealand Trade Commission** phoned wanting to know if there would be any demand by coin collectors here in the United States for a New Zealand crown that is being planned for late in 1949. We said "Yes, providing it was offered at a reasonable price." We were told that it would be sold at face plus cost of handling. That seems fair enough and we urge collectors and dealers to inform the Commission the number of such crowns they would like to order, if and when they are issued. The address of the New Zealand Trade Commission is 1800 K Street, NW, Washington, D.C.

Collectors' cards appear to be on the increase. From Max M. Schwartz comes a shell bearing his name and encasing one of the 10-cent Centenary stamps of 1947. Max says that only 25 of this variety were made and so we add another rare item to our collection of numismatic cards. . . . **Israeli coins,** to appear within the not too distant future, will bear designs based on the Jewish coins issued about 2,000 years ago. The coinage contract has been let to a British concern, the Metals Division of Imperial Chemical Industries, Ltd. Thanks to Hans Holzer and others who sent in newspaper clippings. . . . **Frequent requests** are received for quotations on foreign exchange. Such information can best be obtained from the financial pages of daily newspapers. Rates change from day to day and by the time a table could be published in *The Numismatist* it would be altogether out-of-date.

Associated Press of January 24 reports that a customer walked into a bar in Macomb, Ill., and placed a bag containing $1,600 in gold pieces on the bar. He was fined $14.40 for disturbing the peace.

The billion steel cents coined in 1943 are now being converted in steel products and thanks to those readers who sent in all the newspaper clippings on the subject. . . . Brief word comes from **D. M. Bullowa** on the death of **Robert Aitken** who designed the Missouri and San Diego commemorative half dollars and the Panama-Pacific $50 gold pieces. . . . **V. V. Farris,** P.O. Box 251, Canton 1, Ohio, and **R. M. Newton,** 934 Calder Ave., Beaumont, Texas, offer back numbers of this magazine to collectors residing in foreign countries. . . . **Herbert E. Rowold,** our District Secretary for Western Missouri, was a member of the U. S. Assay Commission which met last February in Philadelphia.

The Mexican customs officers on January 31, arrested an American for attempting to smuggle 500 silver pesos from Juarez to El Paso. The man, not a member of the A.N.A., claimed that he did not know it was against the law to take coins out of Mexico. He had declared the coins as "merchandise." . . . **Welcome visitors** to the Smithsonian Institution during recent months include, **Robert I. Webber, Joseph French Maley, Weber de Vore, Loyd B. Gettys, Shirley and Max Schwartz, Mrs. Helen G. Lewis, Arlie Slabaugh, Dr. Riley D. Moore, Gunther H. Hahn, Col. Joseph Moss, Vernon L. Brown, and Capt. O. H. Dodson.**

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Applicants numbered 17065-17174, as published in the February issue have been admitted to membership. Applicants for life membership, previously reported, have been admitted to life membership.

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3690 **A. S. Parker**, Portland, Maine.
7911 **Philip P. Perkins**, Hamilton Square, N.J.
16041 **Henry J. Post**, Colorado Springs, Colo.
14292 **Lester J. Post**, Lakewood, Ohio.
12721 **J. B. Rimer**, Greenville, Pa.
6448 **F. J. Schaefer**, Haverford, Pa.
11924 **Joseph Scott**, Baltimore, Md.
14132 **Capt. William G. Shaw, III**, Fairlington, Va.
6162 **Ben H. Sherrard**, Rock Island, Ill.
14084 **Adam M. Steever**, Blue Island, Ill.
13091 **Richard Stein**, New York, N.Y.
5733 **W. R. Stoll**, Encinitas, Calif.
12065 **Earl Tuttle**, Minneapolis, Minn.
15228 **Olof Vilen**, Stockholm, Sweden.
7830 **George C. Wahl**, Chicago, Ill.
4470 **J. A. Walsh**, Baltimore, Md.
14111 **Barclay Watson**, Colorado Springs, Colo.
9950 **Gerald G. Welch**, Pittsburgh, Pa.
7637 **Mrs. R. H. Wingert**, Cleveland 7, Ohio.

Reports of Club Meetings

SECRETARIES PLEASE NOTE: Reports should be made promptly. Copy must be received by the 7th of the month to insure insertion in the following month's issue. As a usual thing a copy of the minutes is sent in, and almost invariably a number of items of local concern only must be cancelled. The justification for publishing these accounts lies in the numismatic information – and encouragement – to be derived by collectors generally, regardless of location. On this basis we feel it advisable to revise and condense, and, incidentally, the by-product of this course is conservation of valuable space.

ALBANY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY – The 232nd meeting was held at the Albany Institute of History and Art on Thursday, February 10th, with President E. W. Corrie presiding. There were sixteen members and one guest present.

The Secretary read correspondence with regard to National Coin Week to be held April 22nd-28th. It was decided to again have exhibits at the State Bank of Albany and at Sears Roebuck and Company in Schenectady.

As the program for the evening, President Corrie read Ray Williamson's interesting paper on "Survival of Specimens of Our Large Copper Cents." Dr. Sartoris then took the floor and spoke about the large cents which he brought in as an exhibit.

Ernest Fainilli also entertained us with projection slides which he had made of coins in his collection.

– ANNA M. IMFELD, Secretary

ATLANTA COIN CLUB – The 362nd meeting was held at the Henry Grady Hotel on February 2nd at 8 p.m. President Naff presided with 15 members and 8 visitors present.

Paul Johnson, the newly appointed District Secretary of Georgia for the A.N.A., gave a short talk, urging cooperation of all members, in the advancement of numismatics.

The Club reluctantly accepted the resignation of President Naff, who stated that heavy work in connection with his business, prevented him from carrying on his duties as President.

Our feature speaker of the evening was Mr. Padgett of the Secret Service office, who gave us some interesting sidelights on making paper money and the counterfeiting of currency and silver.

Exhibits, especially those of our visitors, included many rare and interesting pieces. – VIRGINIA SURRY, Secretary

BALTIMORE COIN CLUB – The regular meeting was called to order by Vice President Charles Hass at 8:10 p.m. on Thursday, January 20, in the Peale Museum with 23 members and 4 guests present.

Mr. Straus, Chairman of the Membership Committee presented the applications of S/Sgt. Richard D. Balck and Allen P. Gough. Both applicants were elected to membership.

Mr. McCormick gave us a brief history of Canada and told us that the first coins used in Canada were issued by the French. There were many interesting things he told us such as Quebec never issued any silver coins but that New Brunswick did, also Nova Scotia had no silver coins but issued copper tokens. He also told us that the small cents were first made in 1920 and in 1935 the first silver dollar was struck. Mr. McCormick had on exhibit a collection of Canadian and Newfoundland Paper Money, a complete set of large and small Canadian cents, complete set of silver 5 cent pieces including the 1921 in uncirculated condition, complete set of 5 cent pieces from 1922 to 1948, complete set of Newfoundland $2 gold pieces, and also a selection of tokens and medals. Mr. McCormick's talk and exhibit was enjoyed by everyone present. A rising vote of thanks was then given by the club.

– ELMER A. SCHMIDT, Secretary

BALTIMORE COIN CLUB – Meeting held February 3 at the Peale Museum with 28 present and President Cockaday in the Chair.

Kermit S. Sanders was elected a member.

Dr. Edward Plummer exhibited a fine series of thalers from countries beginning with the letters A to H.

An auction of 205 lots was conducted by Plummer Wiley.

– ELMER A. SCHMIDT, Secretary

BIRMINGHAM COIN CLUB – The fourth Anniversary of the club was celebrated in the form of the annual banquet. This banquet was attended by

twenty members and visitors and was held at the Del Monte Cafeteria.

The retiring President Mrs. Opal Morris, was toastmaster.

The incoming officers were installed by W. M. Booth, a former president of the club. The new officers are: President, O. B. Hudson; V. President, W. M. Acton; Sec.-Treas., O. L. Hurtt; Board member, F. J. Plosser.

Exhibits:

J. H. Morris: Uncut sheets of currency, national bank notes, several series of currency collected according to serial numbers.

G. H. Young: Proof set of current coins of Eire.

J. C. Faulkner: Ancient Greek and Roman coins.

O. L. Hurtt: Thirty-five newspaper clippings concerning numismatics.

O. B. Hudson: 1917 s, T 2, Fine condition Liberty quarter picked out of circulation a few hours before.

— O. L. HURTT, Secretary

BOSTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY — The 793rd meeting was held on February 15 at the Lenox Hotel with President Clapp presiding.

Doran A. Jones provided the entertainment with a lecture on the Colonial Coinage of America, and illustrated his talk with slides of coins loaned by the American Numismatic Society. Mr. Jones traced the evolution of our Colonial coins from the European type used by the first Colonists, up through the Colonial period until the advent of purely American types, and the first issue of the U. S. Mint.

Exhibits:

Mr. Clapp: Harvard Seal.

Mr. Conn: Commemorative type Set of all U. S. coins including commemorative half-dollars.

Mr. Gittes: Charles VII, Spain, 10 and 5 centimos.

Mrs. Longfellow: 8 choice thalers and double-thalers of the German Empire dating back to 1650. Greek drachm, Larissa, 480-430 B.C. Obverse, Thessalos restraining the bull, reverse, free horse running.

Mr. Lowenstam: Cuba, pesos, 1915-1916.

Mr. Schuhmacher, B.N.S. medals set in 3 metals, 1873, 60th-1920, 75th-1935, 85th-1945, 1921 Convention medal, 1948 Convention badge and medalette, Mr. Grant's souvenir 1848 cent, all in plastic holders.

Mr. Shumway: Mass. Pine Tree Copper 1776. Obverse, Mass. State, reverse, Goddess of Liberty seated on a globe, the legend, "Liberty and Virtue." This is in the Wm. S. Appleton Collection, property of the Mass. Historical Society.

Mr. Tuttle: Group of colonial coins.

— JUNE T. POND, Secretary

BRONX COIN CLUB — The 185th meeting was held at the Concourse Plaza Hotel January 26th preceded by a dinner served at 7:00 p.m. President Engel presided and 21 members and five guests were in attendance. The guests were welcomed as was also Mr. Kroner who had not attended in a year.

The secretary then reported a membership of 69 at the end of the year as compared with 63 at the beginning.

Topics for the meeting were the U. S. silver dollars from 1836 to 1873, coins of Poland and Peru, decorations of countries beginning with the letters from T to Z, except German states, and tokens of numismatic organizations without portraits.

Exhibits were as follows:

Mr. Bellus: 13 silver dollar types and major varieties, two and one kroner coins of Frederick IX of Denmark.

Mr. Blake: Two $10 and $20 national banknotes of second charter period and two $10 and $20 national banknotes of the third charter period, all four notes being number one.

Mr. Clark: 33 coins of Poland.

Mr. Downing: Wreath type 1793 cents, Crosby 6F, 7F, 8F, 9G, 9H, 10I and 11J.

Mr. Engel: Silver dollar of 1872, six coins of Peru, four of Poland and two tokens of the 50th meeting of The Bronx Coin Club in 1937.

Mr. English: One groschen of Poland of 1622 with date shown as 1262.

Mr. Erlanger: Nuremberg guldenthaler 1615, medal of 1938 on the return of the coronation insignia of the Holy Roman Empire to Nuremberg.

Mr. Franklin: Uncirculated liberty, Indian head and Jefferson nickels struck off center.

Mr. Gallo: Uncirculated cents 1838 N4, 1845 N2, 1846 N8, 1847 N7, 1850 N6 and N7.

Mr. Girolamo: 65 coins of Peru, 40 of Poland, new issues of Brazil, Canada and Switzerland.

Mr. Grunthal: Thalers of Cologne dated 1567 and 1700.

Mr. Kemm: 25 coins showing designs of wheat, three dollar gold piece of 1854, one dollar legal tender note of 1878, and one dollar silver certificate of 1923.

Mr. Knoth: Lot of Japanese notes made for Philippines and Dutch East Indies.

Mr. Kortjohn: 24 coins of Peru, dollars of 1843 and 1860, coins of Pakistan.

Mr. Kroner: Political token of Abraham Lincoln, token of 1887 on the signing of Constitution.

Mr. May: Eight decorations and war medals of Turkey.

Mr. McMahon. 1/5, 1/2 and 1 libras of Peru, 20 zlotys of 1925 of Poland with head of Boleslaus.

Mr. Picker: Collection of cents from 1793 to 1948, except 1856.

Mr. Rice: Silver dollars of 1795, 1799, 1840 and 1871, Lafayette dollar, Wilson dollar of 1920, centennial dollars in silver, copper and brass, Nevada centennial dollar, Pan Pacific 1915 dollars in silver and copper.

Mr. Sghia: Numismatic tokens of The Bronx Coin Club, Brooklyn Coin Club, Cincinnati Numismatic Assn., Fairfield Numismatic Assn., Jersey City Coin Club, and American Numismatic and Archeological Society.

Mr. Shab: Large cents, 1801 N2 and R6, 1802 N3 and R7 and 1802 N11, D167 and R5.

Mr. Smith: Matched set of uncirculated red large cents of 1850 to 1857.

Mr. van der Meer: Two decorations, three books for the fiftieth anniversary of Queen Wilhelmina and one book for the coronation of Queen Juliana.

Mr. Von Sandro: 14 gold coins of Poland under Russia of different dates and denominations.

Mr. Wager: Two decorations of Tunisia and one of Upper Silesia, three numismatic tokens.

— MARTIN F. KORTJOHN, Secretary

BROOKLYN COIN CLUB — The 188th meeting was held February 2nd at the Hotel Granada, Brooklyn, N. Y., with

President C. H. Ryan presiding and 41 members and nine guests in attendance.

In delivering his invocation, our Chaplain, the Reverend Frank H. Hutchins used for his text the words from "A Numismatic Hymn." This hymn was composed and written by member Professor Edmund Zygman, and dedicated to the Brooklyn Coin Club.

In preparation for National Coin Week, a committee was appointed consisting of Alex Wise, Joe Silverman, Oscar Susskind, Charles M. Wormser, Andrew Portolano, and headed by Louis Horowitz as chairman.

The following were admitted to membership: Raymond Gallo, William Hicks, John Joseph Kozay, William A. Stanish, James R. Thompson, and Harold S. Bowser.

Exhibits by members were as follows:

Bernstein: U. S. large cents 1793-1857, complete except 1799.

Blake: Autograph note between Wm. H. Seward and Abraham Lincoln, dated Jan. 13, 1862; two different banknotes on Lincoln banks; 1863, $10 legal tender note bearing portrait of Lincoln; various tickets to Ford's Theatre where Lincoln was shot.

Bowser: Coins from Brazil, Belgium, Belgian Congo, Bulgaria, Burma, Bermuda, Barbados, British North Borneo, and a British dollar.

Coffin: Coins of Belgium and Belgian Congo.

Feldman: Set of National Currency 1882 with signature of J. Pierpont Morgan; full set of 1896 "Educational Series"; 'Lazy Deuce' national currency.

Fortier: Various proof gold dollars.

Franklin: Eight different Washington cents; blank planchets; unmilled examples of the cent and dime of current issue.

Ginzburger: Set of three-cent nickels in proof and unc.; Three Washington medals; 1948 set of U. S. coins.

Heft: 29 military medals of France.

Hicks: Miniature French Legion of Honor decoration.

Hollander: Book entitled The Lincoln Centennial Medal with the medal itself bound into the book.

Horowitz: Two medals each of Washington and Lincoln.

Hotchkiss: Decimal sets of the Chinese Republic, India, Poland, Monaco, Ethiopia, and Palestine.

Hutchins: One tola gold coin of the Habib Bank Limited, India.

Hutt: Five cents Washington, AW551; two misstrikes of C/S; copper coins of Brazil; six Washington tokens; four freak Lincoln cents; aluminum coins of Belgium and France.

Jenkins: Switzerland, 5, 10, 20 and ½ franc.

Kaplan: 40 different large cents 1793-1857; three die varieties of 1793 half cents; 1794 half cent G. L. 5; 1791 Washington cents, large and small eagle; large cent 1839 over 1836.

Kimpfler: Coins of Brazil; medal commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Founding of the City of Cleveland, Ohio.

Kraus: Coins of Bahawalpur, Baroda, and Bikanir; Syria, 50 and 25 piastres in silver, new type; Japan, 5 and 1 yen 1948 in aluminum bronze, new issue.

Lang: Complete set of unc. Jefferson nickels.

Mertik: Coins of Belgium, Bohemia and Moravia, Bolivia, Brazil, British East Africa, British Guiana, British Honduras, British North Borneo, British West Africa, and 18 specimens of Belgian Congo in proof.

Nicoletti: 1948 Canadian set, one cent to one dollar.

Portolano: Enameled 1892 quarter; Cracker Jack token of Washington; *World Fair Washington Inauguration* token; Washington Centenary of his death medal; Washington Battle of Long Island commemorative medal.

Rice: Large plaque of Abraham Lincoln cast in 1909; medals of both Washington and Lincoln; 50 Fr. of Belgium commemorating the Centenary of the Belgian Railways (1835-1935); British Trade Dollar.

Schiffman: Bronze Masonic medal issued to Vernon A. Brown, G. Washington being sworn in as a Mason. Approximately 60 names engraved around border, members of Masonic Lodge No. 540.

Schwartz: Transportation tokens showing Lincoln, Mark Twain, Tom Sawyer, and Huckleberry Finn.

Smith: Matched set of uncirculated red large cents 1850-1857.

Susskind: Coins of Barbadoes, Brazil, Brunei, Bavaria, Bayreuth, Bremen, Brunswick, Luneburg and Hanover; Tibet, silver coin; French octagonal 1789 token issued by Havre de Grace Insurance Co.; British 1804 token issued at time of mental attack suffered by King George III; Red Cross porcelain token from Saxony, 1922.

Thompson: 1949 Booker T. Washington half dollar.

Voigt: Pattern half dollars, AW 360 and AW 735; 1794 half dime.

Wise: Small collection of foreign gold coins.

Wishy: 12 porcelain coins and tokens from Meissen, Germany; Booker T. Washington set in blue lucite holder.

Zygman: Eight staters of Magna Graecia and Sicily; shekel of Aradus in Phoenicia; shekel of Simon Barkochba; silver medal of Casimir the Great of Poland by Holtzhauser; Hymiarite silver coin of Amdan-Ba'in, Raiden mint; dirham of the 'Abbasid; Caliph Harun-al-Rashid of the Arabian Nights; bronze plaque by Daniel Dupuis presenting the personification of numismatics.

— IRVING MERTIK, Secretary

BUFFALO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION — The 450th meeting was held January 10th at the Central YMCA Building. President Charles Prickett conducted the meeting at which 16 members and guests were present.

Eleven from Buffalo attended the annual banquet of the R. N. A. on January 8th.

A vote of thanks was extended to the secretary for his yearly report and the bound copy of the 1948 minutes, which were turned over to the librarian. The yearly report of the treasurer was also read and accepted with thanks.

The secretary was instructed to proceed with the 1949 Club Roster and Robert H. Lloyd, curator, will handle the 1949 Club tokens. Wm. C. Behringer was asked to report on a new design for the 1950 tokens.

A committee, composed of B. N. Bailey, chairman, assisted by Dr. John Wild and J. M. Taylor, was appointed to proceed with plans for our 22nd Anniversary Banquet.

Three new members were accepted: Joseph L. C. Montesano, Irving Schwartz, and Sal. Garrasi, Jr. An auction followed adjournment of the meeting.

— HAROLD W. HOOPLE, Secretary

BUFFALO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION – The 451st meeting was held on February 14th at the Central Y.M.C.A. Building. President Charles Prickett conducted the meeting, at which eighteen members and three guests were present.

After a communication about National Coin Week had been read, a motion was made and seconded that the Club participate. The committee, appointed to take charge, are A. M. Johnson, Chairman, assisted by Irving Schwartz, Al Chimera and Sal Garrasi, Jr.

B. N. Bailey, Chairman of the Banquet Committee, reported on the progress made in planning our 22nd Anniversary Banquet. It will be held at the Hotel Touraine on May 7th. There will be a Hobby Show in the afternoon, dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Exhibits:

George A. Cage: 3 $20 Gold Pieces.

Fred Gerner: Ring Money from Angola, Benin, Dahoney; Tampang Tin Hat Money; Key, Knife and Shirt Coins – China; 1 Japanese Silver 1 Bu.

The President announced that Al Chimera would conduct a program at our next meeting. The meeting was adjourned to make way for a Numismatic Quiz, prepared and conducted by J. M. Taylor. This was well planned and enjoyed by all, for which a vote of thanks was extended by the Club.

– HAROLD W. HOOPLE, Secretary

BURLINGTON COIN CLUB – The regular monthly meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hass on February 10th with 10 members and 2 visitors present.

The main point of discussion was National Coin Week and everyone volunteered to take an active part in the week's activities.

Stanley Smith was in charge of the program for the evening.

The members displayed various coins, after which delicious refreshments were served. – LUCILLE NELSON, Secretary

CHICAGO COIN CLUB – The 362nd meeting was held Tuesday, March 1, at 84 E. Randolph St., President Ostrander presiding. There were 101 members and guests present. Sidney K. Eastwood of Pittsburgh was one of our guests.

In the absence of Mr. Lostutter, a report was made by Mr. Smedley on the progress being made re National Coin Week and the fine assistance being given the committee by Miss Mildred Bruder, Director of Public Relations at the Crerar Library.

The Secretary read greetings from A. Kosoff, T. F. Robinson, Chas. L. Ruby and the Orange County Coin Club, and from Charter member, Albert W. Morris. We appreciate these greetings from far away members and other clubs.

Mr. Kopicki and others reported on the exhibits in the name of the club at the World Hobby Exposition, February 19th to 27th. The exhibits attracted much attention. Those who exhibited were pleased with the interest shown.

Mr. Eversole spoke on previous National Coin Week exhibits and agreed to arrange for exhibits this year at the Boulevard Bridge Bank.

Elizabeth Kelley and Joseph C. Stoesser were elected to membership.

The resignation of Edward Eisler was read and accepted.

Letters were read re the Ohio State convention in Cincinnati March 26 and 27, and the Central States Numismatic Society Convention in Detroit May 13 to 15, 1949.

The Club voted to contribute $25.00 to the 1949 American Red Cross Fund.

Mr. Saab, who recently returned from a visit of several months in Egypt, gave an interesting talk and described his visit with His Majesty, King Farouk I. Mr. Saab had been away for several months and it was nice to have him with us again.

The exhibits were presented by Col. Curtis and were as follows: (not many lists of exhibits were turned in.)

Mr. Smedley: $20 note of Canada.

Mr. Brown: Great Britain, 1949, florin, shilling (Scottish) and sixpence. Ind. Imp. dropped. Letters wider spaced. On sixpence, GR in script instead of Gothic, VI added between letters, crown smaller, letters larger.

Mr. Giello: Commemorative medallions of Spanish American War and Mass.; Truman Inaugural Medal.

Dr. Reich: Gave an interesting talk about 2 stamped covers from Israel and other items

Mr. Lindall: Complete unc. set Arkansas half dollars.

Mr. Boosel: Presidential medals received with purchase of bubble gum. (Harry's trick tie was better than his exhibit.)

Mr. Doak: Handbill passed out against the gold standard in 1865 with facsimile of 1862 $1.00 legal tender note.

Dr. Skeen: Indiana obsolete bank notes and a "proof" sheet.

Col. Curtis: Pattern coins.

– EARL C. BROWN, Secretary

CINCINNATI NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION – The regular meeting was held at the Hotel Gibson, January 28, with President Riggs in the chair. There were 24 present.

The officers elected for 1949 were: President, J. S. Stevens; Vice-President, Ralph C. Lewis; Treasurer, Frederick T. Potts; Secretary, George D. Parvin; Curator, Ralph Hoffman; Sergeant at Arms, Theodore Rogers; Board of Governors, Kaplan, Chairman, and Riggs.

Exhibits:

Howe: Set of Jefferson nickels; 1941 and 1942 proof sets.

Hatfield: 1936 set of British West Africa.

Ungerbuehler: 1937 Boone set.

Rogers: 1909 proof nickel; three $1 U. S. bills.

Lewetch: 1858, 1865, 1875 proof sets.

Banner: Set of gold dollars 1849 through 1889; set of $2.50 gold 1834 through 1929; numerous other gold coins.

Parvin: Set 1949 Booker T. Washington halves; 1947 small maple leaf and 1948 uncirculated Canadian sets.

Lewis: Gimbel catalogue; 1915 circular with part of dollar bill attached.

– GEORGE D. PARVIN, Secretary

COLUMBIAN COIN CLUB – The regular meeting was held February 8, at the home of Hugh McLaughlin. There were present seven members and seven visitors.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Jaquett. The banking problem and National Coin Week were discussed. Window displays in three towns were proposed as well as radio and television talks on three radio stations.

An invitation from John Watson of Woodstown to see his collection of coins was received and accepted.

Mr. West and Mr. Jaquett visited the

Woodstown Grange and talked to the assembly about coins.

A quiz program on U. S. coins was conducted by Mr. Jaquett after which the meeting was adjourned.

— ALICE N. GREEN, Secretary

ELKHART COIN CLUB — The February meeting was held on February 14th with 14 members present. Mr. Brimelow read his paper on "Philosophical Analysis of Numismatics" which was well received by the members present. Mr. Brimelow, better known to his radio audience as Bill the Coin Man, read his paper on his February 18th broadcast over WTRC, Elkhart, Indiana.

Exhibits:

William G. Davidson: Crisp bills of many denominations.

William Brimelow: Some new crisp $20 bills showing the balcony.

Harry West, chief chemist of the Whitehall Pharmacal Co., was admitted to membership.

Our host for the evening was William Davidson.

Door prizes of numismatic books went to Clyde Hessler of Wakarusa, William Davidson, and John Richards.

— WILLIAM BRIMELOW, Secretary

HANFORD (CALIFORNIA) COIN CLUB — The regular meeting was held February First at 1117 North Irwin Street, Hanford, President Merrill Cole, presiding.

Chairman Forest Speck of the National Coin Week display committee reported on available sites for the display, and secured information from the various members regarding what they would put on display during the week.

Refreshments for the evening were in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Cole and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Berry.

Forest Speck displayed commemorative half dollars and Fred Tinkham, Confederate currency.

Application for membership in the A.N.A. was received from Clarence Berry, and upon his acceptance will give our club 62½% A.N.A. representation. Two of our members are life members of the A.N.A., a record of which we are justly proud.

— FRED E. TINKHAM, Secretary

HAWTHORNE COIN CLUB — The February 4th meeting was held at the Hawthorne Plant of the Western Electric Co., Cicero, Illinois, with 58 members and guests attending. This constitutes a new high for attendance.

Mrs. Harriette Christensen, R. M. Laurion, and A. E. Beutler were admitted to membership, making a total of 115.

President Shepard announced that he was attempting to get the display windows in the Safety Store for National Coin Week. Another display case has been obtained.

After a drawing for door prizes, Bill Alloway described his collection of coins and medals displaying ships. Then came an auction after which we adjourned.

— G. W. PIRRONG, Secretary

KANAWHA VALLEY COIN CLUB — The 27th meeting held February 21st at the Y.M.C.A., Charleston, West Virginia. Fred S. White, Jr., President, presided. Twenty-six members and fifteen guests present.

Five new members were elected into the club. Three applications for membership were received.

Dr. F. S. Epps, speaker for the evening, gave a rambling talk on several subjects starting by announcing about a new type coin board, or holder, constructed of plywood in different color woods such as, mahogany, walnut, maple, cherry, etc. Openings are covered by acetate slides and manufacturer states the boards are free from any sulphur and will not warp.

Next was a discussion on the possible cause of the milky scum which appears on some coins, while it may not appear on others, even coins of the same date. According to the information, which was furnished by a member of the club, the planchets are annealed by heating then washed in a solution of sulphuric acid to clean and brighten, then rinsed in boiling water to remove the acid. After the bath in the water they are riddled in sawdust to dry. During the process of drying the planchets, the sawdust is bound to absorb a certain amount of moisture and the last batch or last few batches of planchets will be drying in sawdust containing considerable moisture. It may be that a chemical reaction is taking place in this moist sawdust along with the metal planchets forming an acid, either picric or acetic, which will leave some coins with a coating of film or scum which may not appear until a later date even though the coins are wrapped in anti-tarnish tissue or protected by some other method.

The last subject was a much delayed report of the 1948 A.N.A. Convention which was held in Boston and his experiences while attending this convention.

Exhibits were the following: Dr. F. S. Epps, complete set of Newfoundland cents 1865 through 1947. B. L. Cobbs, set of nickels from 1883 to date. H. K. White, a 1949 set of Booker T. Washington commemorative half-dollars.

Paul T. Arbuckle, a complete Lincoln cent set mostly uncirculated, a complete Mercury dime set uncirculated and a complete Jefferson nickel set uncirculated. Lester Bernstein, a set of half-cents complete except for four dates, but including the rare 1796 half-cent.

— EARLE P. SMITH, JR., Secretary

LEHIGH VALLEY COIN CLUB — The 108th meeting was held at the Moravian Church, Easton, Pa., Feb. 17, with 38 members and guests present. The meeting was called to order by the Pres. A. Detweiler.

The Mint Report was read by the Secretary.

The Door Prize was won by E. R. Chiappa.

Four applications were received for membership in the Club.

Coffee and donuts were served by the Easton Boys.

Mr. F. Smith acted as auctioneer for the auction that followed.

— K. LOBB, Secretary

LOS ANGELES COIN CLUB — Despite the fact that Old King Zeus participated in some precipitation (California Dew to you natives) some 38 members and guests attended the 252nd meeting of our Club, on Friday, March 4th. Prexy Gasser speeded through a business session and the following was accomplished:

Del Poizner, Sidney Raskin and V. E. Jenking were elected to membership, and Max Mogi a former member reinstated. Harry C. Alley, former member No. 43 and one of the few blind numis-

matists known, was also re-instated and dues permanently remitted. Resolutions to encourage the Junior collectors was passed and a committee formed to help this worthy cause along.

Adolph Larson gave his version of the "Majority Banquet" held last month. Sam Kabealo gave a minority report. All Sam wanted to know was the meaning of the word "Exurcus" proceeding his name on the official program. Upon learning it was neither fish nor foul, flattery or flukey, Sam sat silently.

James O. Milbanks gave a very enlightening discourse on "Symbols on Coins." He took these three, the eagle, stars and the pyramid. The Pyramid with the Eye on our dollar bills he inferred had naught to do with the origin of the Pyramid Clubs, but rather a complex series of symbols having direct relationship with the five senses. The Eye representing sight, and the four walls of the pyramid the other four. The Eagle he contends was substituted by our forefathers in place of the Phoenix, that miraculous bird fabled to live 500 years and rise in youthful freshness from its own ashes. Hence an emblem of immortality.

– JACK W. OGILVIE, Secretary

LOS ANGELES JUNIOR COIN CLUB – The seventh meeting was held January 29, at the home of our president, Ronnie Lyons.

Plans were discussed for having the club put on a coin exhibit during National Coin Week. Afterward various coins were displayed and discussed with great interest.

Any boy in this locality, between the ages of 9 and 18, is invited to become a member of our Club. Write or phone Ronnie Lyons, 320 N. Sweetzer, (Phone YOrk 1864), Los Angeles 36, California.

– EDGAR ZWIEBACK, Secretary

LOS ANGELES JUNIOR COIN CLUB – The eighth meeting of our club was held at the home of our president, Ronnie Lyons, 11 a.m., February 19.

It was decided that our Secretary-Treasurer, Edgar Zwieback, would assume the duties of Secretary, while Jack Hayden was made Treasurer. We discussed the Club project of putting on a coin exhibit during National Coin Week, and a committee with Allen Newcomb as chairman was appointed to look into the matter of finding a place to display our coins. Harold Budd gave an exceptionally interesting talk on the Washington Quarter and its origin. Our guests, John Budd, David Katzman, and Mark and Bob Jason, all told us about their collections and talked on some coins they brought.

– EDGAR ZWIEBACK, Secretary

LOUISVILLE COIN CLUB – The fifth regular meeting was held February 22 at the University of Louisville with 13 in attendance and L. L. Howe presiding.

The constitution and by laws presented by the committee were adopted. Future meetings will be held the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Scott McClaim gave an interesting talk on U. S. large size currency and displayed a beautiful collection including many uncut sheets.

Other exhibits:

W. O. Haddaway: U. S. gold $1 to $20.

W. V. Schimpf, Sr.: Foreign silver and copper coins.

– W. O. HADDAWAY, Secretary

NEW YORK NUMISMATIC CLUB – Meeting Friday evening, February 11, Damon G. Douglas, president, presiding. Twenty-six members and three guests were present.

Topics for the evening: United States Gold Dollars – Regular, Commemorative, and Patterns; Coins and Tokens of Canada; and Items Pertaining to Lincoln.

Exhibits were made by the following:

H. R. Stephens: Conders D & H No. 5 in brass, extremely rare; D & H No. 5 in bronze, both proof surface; five Conders struck in gold. These specimens are plated with 22k; A set in original case of U. S. 1c, 3c, and 5c pieces in nickel, of 1869.

Hans Schulman: Roosevelt gold medal, 1946; Rare Canadian silver strikes listed in Breton; Habitant tokens in original case in proof; McDermott token.

H. J. Erlanger: Portfolio showing illustration of the obverse and reverse of 1660 medals struck by Lauer in Nuremberg and 25 advertising cards struck from medal dies by Lauer.

Mrs. D. G. Douglas: Lincolniana.

Frank J. Katen: Complete set Canadian cents; Complete set Canadian 5 cents; 1936 Canadian quarter, unc. (Dot variety); Northwest Beaver token, ex. fine.

Mrs. Frances Katen: Spurious U. S. 1804 dollar and Syracuse dekadrachm.

J. F. Maley: $1 gold 1852; Store Card 1 farthing, Halifax; Bank Token ½d. New Brunswick; ½d. Upper Canada; 5 francs Berne 1795; 1000 reis Portugal, 1899; 5 lati, Latvia, 1931; 5 leva, Bulgaria, 1885; Medallic Yuan, China Rep, 1921; 5 francs, Lucca, 1806.

R. S. Holzman: St. Gaudens medal of Joseph Francis.

L. Kusterer: Complete set of commemorative gold dollars and $2½; Mint medal in gold, Lincoln and Garfield; Lincoln medal in copper, issued by Thos. L. Elder, with reverse listing names of the charter members of the New York Numismatic Club.

W. H. Arthur: 1921 Peace Dollar with bevelled edge, unc.; 1809 U. S. Cent, unc.

Joseph H. Spray: Complete type set of all mints of gold dollars in proof or uncirculated, including an 1855-D with the reverse fully struck, which is rare with this coin.

A. W. Deas: Thirteen philatelic award medals in silver and copper.

Damon G. Douglas: Turtles of Aegina.

W. C. Blaisdell: 1803 U. S. $10 gold, E. F.; 1875 U. S. $3 gold, E. F.

R. D. Allen: Complete set U. S. Comm. Gold $1 and $2½ pieces.

Henry Grunthal: Gold medal 1638 commemorating the Occupation of Breisach by Bernhard the Great of Weimar; weight 26 ducats.

Mrs. Damia Francis: U. S. Gold Dollars, uncirculated – 1851, 1854, 1857.

J. R. Francis: Upper Canada tokens ½d, 1852, 1d 1857; 3 Bouquet Sou; Habitant token ½d, 1d 1837; Bank of Montreal token ½d 1844, front view.

Oscar G. Schilke: Set of Mint Medals of Lincoln & Washington struck in gold and bronze.

R. Gallo: 1799 Large Cent.

V. L. Brown: Japan 50 sen 1947; 1, 5 yen 1948; Canada 1948 set; Mexico, 20 pesos 1921, gold.

A. Kosoff (in absentia by V. L. Brown): Token dedicated to rum soaked citizens of the City of New York. An Elder product.

The Membership Committee reported favorably on the application of Joseph

Moss and he was elected a member of the Club.

The secretary read communications from A. Kosoff in regard to National Coin Week and from E. F. Meinhart concerning The Junior Numismatic Association.

Mr. Deas read several news items of numismatic interest in his usual witty manner.

– VERNON L. BROWN, Secretary

NORTH DAKOTA COIN CLUB – The realization of a dream come true explains North Dakota's new Coin Club. For many years three lone members stood on the A.N.A. roster – Vine D. Lord, Cando; A. G. Kirkeby, Upham and Mrs. H. D. Dunahey of Bismarck, each town far separated from the other. In 1946 when a second name was added from Bismarck it brought together two enthusiastic collectors eager to share their hobby with others.

On November 10th, 1948, with a membership of four, the first steps were taken, a constitution drawn and temporary officers chosen. Acknowledgement and thanks must be given for the valuable assistance and encouragement given by Lewis M. Reagen, General Secretary and Earl Brown, Secretary of the Chicago Coin Club.

Our second meeting was for organization routine only but the third meeting held on January 26th was a real live club meeting with an excellent paper presented by Mrs. Hugh Mangskau on Early Coinage in America. She also exhibited her fine collection of Large Cents and early paper money.

Plans were made to observe National Coin Week in April. Charles Schatz was appointed chairman and an exhibit will be placed in one or two of our local banks.

Three active members and five associate members have already been added. It is the aim of the Club to keep our membership to where we can meet in our homes thus eliminating expense and adding much to the social side. O. Leonard Orvedal whose work takes him over most of North Dakota has accepted chairmanship of the Membership Committee.

It is our aim to develop a Club statewide in scope with something of interest and benefit to all who are sincerely interested in Coin Collecting as a Hobby.

We have already affiliated with the A.N.A. and it is our purpose to have each member of our Club also a member of the National.

– MRS. F. E. TUNELL, Secretary

OKLAHOMA CITY COIN CLUB – The regular meeting was held January 17 at the Biltmore Hotel. There were ten members and two visitors present.

New officers were elected as follows: President, Harold W. Zeigler; Vice-President, Clyde C. Graham; Secretary, Clyde C. Graham; Board of Governors, B. H. Clanton and H. B. Lee.

After the election, a general discussion followed. A special effort will be made during the year to interest women in joining the club. A general outline for this year's program was made.

– CLYDE C. GRAHAM, Secretary

ORANGE COUNTY COIN CLUB – The 129th monthly meeting was held Feb. 23 at Brea, California, with President Charles Kiser presiding. 75 members and guests attended.

President Kiser reported on the Orange County Coin Club Nite at the Pasadena Club, held Feb. 16. Thirty-four members were present.

Sam Kabealo reported on the progress and auction of the coming Calif. State Numismatic Association Convention at San Jose, Calif., April 15-16-17.

Joe Steele gave a short talk on the Lincoln Head Cent.

John Haldiman gave a short talk on how he received his first steel cent.

Lucian Wilson, talked on his collection of German coins.

Harry Davidson, Junior Past President of the Bay Cities Coin Club, told of the beauty and accuracy of the Aztec Calendar on the Mexico 20 peso gold coin.

Sam Kabealo, displayed, and gave a very interesting talk on part of his collection of Civil War (coins) tokens.

Veeland Fraser and Elmer Hess exhibited some very nice sets of U. S. Coins.

Jack Ogilvie spoke on National Coin Week, and encouraged everyone to make a display. He also displayed two recent sets of Canadian Coins and told how they could be obtained from Ottawa, Canada.

Robert Cahall of Taft, Calif., entertained the Club with his plastic slides of coins. Considerable interest was shown in them, by all members.

Four applications for membership were received and accepted.

– STEWART J. BINGHAM,
Secretary pro tem

OREGON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY – President Jack Casey called to order the regular meeting at the Benson Hotel, Portland, Oregon, on Monday evening, February 14th, with 30 members and guests present. New members introduced were: Ethel Fox, Melvin Fox, and Wayne Wisting.

A discussion of the club's program for the coming year brought forth the opinion that brief talks and displays by members of the club on their specialties would suit a majority of the members.

Many of the displays included, in honor of the month, coins linked with Lincoln or Washington. Paul Christensen displayed colonial pennies of Washington's term, as well as Washington medals. George McLarty showed his superb collection of bills, with the portrait of George Washington, Martha Washington, and the type having both heads. In addition he displayed half-cents of 1795 to 1856, including ones such as the 1828 date with only 12 stars. A number of fine mint sets of Lincoln cents and Washington quarters were displayed.

W. A. Thompson presented castings he had made from a Roman coin, and explained the difficulty of identifying a well-made casting except under microscope and stain to see the crystalline outline of the metal.

The meeting adjourned for a brisk auction with President Casey as auctioneer.

– RUTH W. THOMPSON, Secretary

OTTAWA COIN CLUB – The 34th regular meeting was held at the home of His Excellency Alfredo Benavides, Peruvian Ambassador to Canada, on February 7, 1949. The club members had the privilege and the pleasure of spending the evening examining His Excellency's collection of the coins of Peru. This famous collection is the largest and most complete collection of Peruvian coins in the world. The gold coins in particular presented a sight that will

not soon be forgotten. The orderly method of arrangement, the great number of varieties, and the superb condition of the coins set a standard for which all serious collectors may aim but which few can hope to attain. All members of the club expressed their sincere regrets that His Excellency would soon be leaving Ottawa.

A short business meeting was held, at which the Secretary announced that the membership of the club was now twenty, an increase of 150% since the formal organization of the club in May, 1948. The Ottawa Coin Club is now one of the largest coin clubs in Canada.

After a short discussion the members unanimously decided to go on record as viewing with grave concern the overpricing of some Canadian coins by some dealers. It was the feeling that such a practice could only result in serious harm to Canadian numismatics. The most glaring example of this is the 1942 tombac 5c piece which has been advertised as high as $3.00 in uncirculated condition. Mint reports show that 3,396,234 were struck. Large quantities are known to be in the hands of dealers and collectors. A well-known standard catalogue values this coin at 25c uncirculated. The club felt that this represented the true market value of the coin.

– SHELDON S. CARROLL, CAPT.,
Secretary-Treasurer

PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY – The 395th meeting was held January 28 at the Palace Hotel, San Francisco. President Richard A. Webb presided with 54 present.

Through the courtesy of the California Centennial Commission, a sound movie "California's Golden Beginnings" was shown in honor of the 101st Anniversary of the discovery of gold at Coloma, Calif., on Jan. 24, 1848.

The numismatic forum on the topic "American Coinage Through the War of 1812 (1805-1815)" was then presented by a panel consisting of Richard A. Webb, Roy Hill, Earl A. Parker, and A. W. Ritchie.

Exhibits:

Wilber L. Wildes: Silver dollar size coins.

Roy Hill: Canadian silver dollars, 1947 and both types of 1948.

Clifford H. Bloom: Three gold coins, including a 1/3 guinea counterstamped for the West Indies; a numismatic book, published Leipzig, 1784.

William H. Smith: Types of U. S. half dollars before 1836.

Richard A. Webb: Four State Bank notes.

Eric Werling: Napoleonic coins of the 1800-1815 period.

Kurt E. Loret: Numismatic Pocket Dictionary on Ancient Coins, published in Czechoslovakia, December, 1948.

N. O. Slate: Copper tokens; two silver bars, one being over 13 ounces; 1883 nickel gold plated.

Milton C. Strauch: Variety of coins, 1800-1815, including siege coins of Antwerp; a rare Netherlands gold.

Five new members were elected.

– MILTON C. STRAUCH, Secretary

PHILADELPHIA COIN CLUB – The 164th regular meeting was held February 15th in the Benjamin Franklin hotel with vice-president Dr. Whitney presiding. In spite of the transportation strike, 26 members and guests attended.

Robert T. Ferris, chairman of our National Coin Week committee outlined plans for an "all out" participation to make this year's Coin Week the biggest ever in Philadelphia.

P. Edward Schenck was elected to membership.

The Secretary awarded 1948 National Coin Week Medals to those who had not received theirs. A presentation was also made of a certificate award for the best exhibit in 1948 to Paul K. Yeagley and a certificate award to Dr. E. Arthur Whitney for the best monograph for 1948.

Recognition was given to Paul K. Yeagley for his talk to the Glenolden Women's Club on numismatics.

Noel H. Van Roekens, president of the Philadelphia Electric Co. Coin Club, invited us to their March and April meetings.

It was moved and carried that a new club directory be printed and distributed.

It was announced by Noel H. Van Roekens that a new junior coin club was being formed in Mt. Airy, Philadelphia.

George Magee, Jr., was extended a vote of approval for his first issue of THE NEWS LETTER under his editorship.

Judge Thomas L. Gaskill spoke to us about his numismatic rambles and emphasized the importance of joining the A.N.A. One of our members joined in response to this appeal. He reviewed his happy experiences in collecting his very fine large cents and also covered some outstanding events of the early U. S. mints.

The door prize, a 1938 proof nickel, was won by Mr. Sipe, and the chance prize, a 1941 proof nickel, was won by Mr. Kaptik.

Exhibits:

Wm. C. Boston: Main types and set of large cents in albums.

D. I. McDonald, Jr.: $500 crisp 1864 Confederate note; $5, $10, $20 and $50 notes of South Carolina, 1872.

Howard Street: Unc. Shield nickels 1866-1883; Liberty Head nickels 1883-1912; set Washington quarters, unc.

Noel H. Van Roekens: 1883 Liberty Head nickel, proof; 1875, twenty cents, proof; 1892 quarter, proof; 1893 Isabella quarter, unc.; 1913 half dollar, proof; 1886 nickel struck on cent planchet, unc.

P. K. Yeagley: 1949 Inaugural medal of President Truman.

A. Sipe: Numismatic literature.

– ARTHUR SIPE, Secretary

PHILADELPHIA ELECTRIC COMPANY COIN CLUB – The 4th Annual Spring Dinner was held at the Engineers Club on February 1. This meeting was our most active and interesting meeting to date, a total of 38 members and guests (including 6 ladies) attended to enjoy a fine dinner and to listen to Don Rose, columnist for the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin speak. At the conclusion of Mr. Rose's talk, Col. J. Moss of the ANA congratulated the club on its growth to 98 members in four years.

Exhibits:

J. A. Thielman: Large cents.

J. Iannarella: Franklin medals.

W. Rust: Gold coins including $1, $2.50, $5 and $10 Assay coins.

A. F. Mueller: Medal showing Mt. Ararat and the Ark.

J. F. Baldwin: Mounted collection of wooden medals.

A. Leatherman: Small cents, 1856 to date, proof and unc.

N. H. van Roekens: Silver coins, proof and unc.

As an incentive to the members to attend the meetings a copy of R. S. Yeoman's Guide Book of U. S. Coins was presented to members that attended six or more meetings in the past fiscal year. Twenty members received a copy at the meeting.

– J. H. BECKMANN, Publicity

READING COIN CLUB – The special meeting was called to order by President Harvey Rissmiller at 7:30 p.m. at the Reading Company YMCA. 53 of our 86 members were present. There was a two-hour coin auction which netted the club $6.12.

Applications for membership were received from the following: Harvey Adams, Joseph Amoroso, Jr., Dr. Wilson A. Faust, Rev. W. Ronald Yocum, Merryl R. Faust, Harold C. Schealer.

A Dutch lunch was served to the members and visitors immediately after adjournment of the meeting.

– GEORGE W. PARFET, Secretary

COIN CLUB OF RHODE ISLAND – A meeting was held at the Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel in Providence, R. I., on January 28, with 24 members and guests present.

Reverend Broburg presided over a short business meeting.

A letter was read from A. Kosoff, Chairman for National Coin Week.

William Guild of West Newton showed slides on U. S. coins of the 20th Century.

Exhibits:

Rev. Broburg: St. Bartholomew Day Medal; Wayte Raymond's "Gold Coins of North and South America."

Mr. Lonardo: $10 note National Bank of Providence; Von Hindenburg Commemorative Medal 1847-1927; U. S. proof cents 1936 to 1942.

Mr. Overlock: Unc. Indian cents 1885-1905-1906; Unc. large cent 1855.

Mr. Hunter: 6 Roman coins, 1st and 2nd bronzes.

Mr. Tatro: Album of dimes and half dollars.

– EDNA CZERWONKA, Secretary

ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION – The 820th meeting was called to order by President S. Clark Place, on Tuesday, February 1, at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences, with 28 members and six visitors present.

The usual business being completed and out of the way the speaker of the evening, A. A. Kolb, Engraver and Medalist, a member of this Club was introduced. The speaker chose as his subject, "Evolution of the Art of Engraving." A subject, on which due to his training, experience and artistic ability, he was able to convey an intimate contact to his audience.

Mr. Kolb traced the development of the art from the days when artists, engravers, designers and other skilled craftsmen were under the protection and patronage of the rulers, nobility and church. In tracing the history and development of the art he brought many of the complex and intricate developments over the years to his listeners, finally leaving them with a description of the art as now practiced. The speaker was given a sincere vote of appreciation.

Exhibits:

George J. Bauer: A number of beautifully designed medals made of bronze, iron, aluminum and silver. Mr. Bauer spoke at some length regarding the characteristics of the medals shown.

S. Clark Place: 1948 uncirculated set of U. S. coins, received from the Treasury Department.

J. J. McGowan: National Bank Note of the State Bank of Troy, N. Y. Dated May 10, 1865, in very poor condition, but an unusual note.

– NORMAN F. PRINCE, Secretary

ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION – The 821st meeting was called to order by President S. Clark Place, with 26 members and 5 visitors present. Among the matters discussed was Coin Week and the President announced the appointment of Frank Eichorn, as Chairman for this activity. The Club was the recipient of a Set of 1948 Uncirculated U. S. Coins, a gift from Arnold Pittinger. These to become part of the Club's Collection.

At the conclusion of the regular business the speaker E. H. Potter was introduced, who chose as his subject: "Silver Dollars of the U. S." The talk which was illustrated by slides, made by Floyd B. Newell, proved to be interesting. The amount of detail brought out by the speaker indicated much thought and research on the subject.

At the conclusion of the talk both Mr. Potter and Mr. Newell were accorded a vote of thanks for their contribution.

Mr. Pittman spoke regarding some of the experiences he has had in connection with the 1804 U. S. Dollar. All of which proved very enlightening to those present.

Exhibits:

Floyd B. Newell: A collection of 60 silver dollars, from the A. P. Little collection belonging to the University of Rochester.

J. J. Pittman: Complete set of proof U. S. silver dollars, 1858 to 1921 inclusive.

S. Clark Place: A collection of types of U. S. silver dollars, including a Trade dollar and Washington-Lafayette dollar, 1900.

– NORMAN F. PRINCE, Secretary

ROCHESTER JUNIOR NUMIMATISC ASSOCIATION – The 21st meeting was called to order on January 21 by President Don Morgan. 17 members and four visitors were present.

The secretary read the communications received. Plans were made to have a Father's Night. All fathers of the members are cordially invited to attend. Arrangements were made for talks by members. Refreshments will be served.

Mr. Bauer donated two old Roman coins which were placed in the Club's collection.

The president of the Senior Group, Mr. Thomas, of the museum, and Mr. Meinhart, were made honorary members of the association.

The president handed out membership cards.

The club decided to order the 1948 mint sets from the Mint.

Jim O'Brien spoke on Lincoln cents. Mr. Newell showed some slides on small cents. Following this came a short recess and auction after which the meeting was adjourned.

– BRUCE GIBBS, Secretary

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY COIN CLUB – Meeting held February 17 at the home of H. C. Deming in Redlands when Sam Kabealo gave a talk on U. S. two-cent pieces and Dr. Calvert Emmons spoke on five-cent silver pieces. Both talks were interesting and inform-

ative. John E. Lenker, spoke briefly on the pattern copper ruble of Russia, 1771, which was exhibited through the courtesy of the Numismatic Gallery along with a gold and a silver ruble from the same period. Howard Smith exhibited a four daler piece of Swedish plate money.

At the January meeting, which was held at the Fred Coops home in Fontana, the club received an invitation to place a coin exhibit in the National Orange Show at San Bernardino. Plans were made for this exhibit at the February meeting. Coops will handle the details. Dr. Emmons urged all to attend the state convention at San Jose which will be held over the Easter weekend. Though still not a year old the club's membership has grown to the point where now the register shows 32 members.

– JOHN E. LENKER, Vice-President

SEATTLE COIN CLUB – The 151st regular meeting was held on February 24, in the Roosevelt Hotel, with 17 members and 2 guests present, President Howard Glickert presiding.

Discussion followed on the Rare Coin Exhibit, which will be held by the Seattle First National Bank. This exhibit is largely of Northwest gold coins, and is valued at over $50,000.00. Several of our members will exhibit United States and Colonial coins, in cases to be provided by the Bank.

A letter from Mr. Kosoff, relative to National Coin Week, was read. The Club will actively participate in this program. Don Zearing was appointed Chairman of a special exhibit committee to develop and arrange the exhibits and publicity for this week.

The yearly convention of the Oregon Numismatic Society and Seattle Coin Club, to be held May 14 and 15, in Centralia, was discussed. Chris Peterson was appointed to handle hotel reservations, W. E. Daniel, Convention Chairman and Don Zearing, Exhibit Chairman.

Mrs. DeNise displayed a fine collection of Communion Tokens, and gave an interesting talk on these unusual items.

Mr. Blaisdel, our guest, displayed an 1850 large cent in proof and some fine gold coins. He also is the owner of an outstanding collection of 1837 large cents.

Larry Mills displayed a series of beautiful Chinese dollars, and gave a "plug" for our new coin shop, The Seattle Stamp & Coin Company, recently opened by members Bert Wagner and Don Zearing. The Club wishes these men the best of luck in their endeavor.

Harold Raatz, Jr., a guest of Bob Barkley, was approved for membership as a Junior Member. Harold is an enthusiastic young fellow, and will go far in his chosen hobby.

Willard Blaisdel, of New York and New Jersey, was introduced by Chris Peterson. Mr. Blaisdel, like Chris, is an outstanding authority on large cents. He gave a very interesting informal talk to the Club.

– WALDO B. CHRISTENSON, Secretary

SOUTHEASTERN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION – The February meeting was held on the 10th at the Children's Museum.

The S. N. A. was honored by the presence of J. W. McDermott from South Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Mr. McDermott exhibited his prize collection of uncirculated and proof coins of all denominations.

Besides giving a general talk on coins and answering numerous questions, he also told the story of the 1913 Liberty head nickel, its origin, and how he got possession of this uncirculated and unauthorized coin.

– WILLIAM J. PETERMANN, Secretary

SPRINGFIELD COIN CLUB – The 367th meeting was held at the Springfield Museum of Fine Arts on February 8 with President Cignoni presiding. Nine members were present.

This was a regular business meeting with one new member admitted.

Mr. Carr had on display a collection of medals including U. S. Centennial, Pennsylvania State Bicentennial medal gotten out by the Philadelphia Mint employees.

– C. W. CARRIER, Secretary

WASHINGTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY – The regular meeting was held at the U. S. National Museum on Monday, February 7, with President Peterson presiding. Thirty-four members and fourteen visitors were present.

Mr. Leachman, District Secretary of ANA, extended an invitation to all of those members who were not already members, to join the ANA. Mr. Leachman also reminded the members that the National Coin Week will be held between 22nd and 28th of April and requested all members to take an active part in making National Coin Week a success in Washington.

Mr. Weikert, Chairman of the Junior Coin Club Committee, announced that plans were being formulated to give exhibits and talk to the Boys' Club of Washington, Metropolitan Police Boys' Club and the Childrens' Museum Club. Considerable progress is being made in the Junior Department and the possibility of forming Junior Clubs is very bright for the future. Mr. Weikert also gave a report on all Commemorative Bills that have thus far been introduced in the 81st Congress.

President Peterson announced that Loyd B. Gettys was in Washington for a short visit and a small luncheon was given in his honor.

A. E. Dubois of the Quartermaster General Office, U. S. A., was the principal speaker of the evening. His subject, "Fundamentals of Heraldry" was educational and interesting. Mr. Dubois illustrated his talk by using colored strips to show the basic fundamentals of heraldry. A hearty applause was given Mr. Dubois at the conclusion of his talk.

– HARRY S. MAFFETT, Secretary

WESTCHESTER COUNTY COIN CLUB – The 176th regular meeting was held February 15 in the YMCA in New Rochelle, N. Y. There were 17 members and 3 guests present. The meeting was presided over by President Johnson.

Subscriptions to the A.N.A. and A.N.S. were approved and the Club authorized Treasurer Skipton to make payment.

Applications for membership of J. F. Mobray and E. A. Schuman were read for the second time and both were accepted.

Past President Lewis read a resume of last year's activities in which he thanked the members for helping make his term during 1948 a success. Treasurer Skipton gave the financial standing of the club, and then members voted its approval. The Award of Merit for 1948 will be presented at the 15th Anniver-

sary Dinner which, upon the suggestion of the Board of Governors, will be held April 21 in Bronxville, N. Y. Tickets for the affair will be $3.00 per person. A motion by Mr. Weidhaas, seconded and carried, withdrew the door prize from the monthly meetings.

Inasmuch as the club has two members on the Awards Committee for National Coin Week, individual exhibits only will be featured this year. Mr. Weidhaas gave a report on the successful auction held on "Ladies' Night" and Mr. Dewey read an excerpt pertaining to the issuance of a $2 silver commemorative coin in 1906.

President Johnson then introduced the speaker of the evening, Mr. Gardner Osborn, Director of the Federal Hall Memorial of the Sub-Treasury Bldg., New York City, who gave a very interesting and humorous talk about the beginning of the Museum and the many incidents which have gone into its history. Inasmuch as this meeting was designated as "Washington Night," Mr. Osborn exhibited many fine articles, and presented a 3-inch bronze Washington medal to the Club. Upon the motion of Mr. Lewis and Mr. Weidhaas, the Club voted Mr. Osborn a rising vote of thanks for his interesting talk, his exhibits and the medal gift.

Washington items and new acquisitions were exhibited and explained by the members as follows:

Mr. Bellus: 4 tokens and medals with bust of Washington, Lincoln half dollar, 50-100 Mill note of Israel and a 1948 proof set of South Africa.

Mr. Lewis: St. Gaudens RN double eagle, Unc. Lincoln cents, Liberty Seated and Peace dollars, Barber dimes, Plaque presented to him as winner of the First Award for National Coin Week, 1948.

Mr. Lighte: Collection of Washington medals, store cards and tokens commemorating many events of his life, wooden nickels, 100th anniversary of Washington County, Iowa.

Mr. Marsden: 10 medals of Washington in different metals.

Mr. Massey: 18 medals of Washington, Lincoln, Teddy Roosevelt, Pierce and Grant. 12 U. S. coins bearing Washington's portrait, 1-cent encased postage stamp of Civil War period.

Mr. Olmstead: 11 small sized dollars, 5 large size dollars, $2 silver certificate all with portraits of Washington.

Mr. Mahoney: Set of Washington quarters 1932-1948.

Mr. Pearson: Type set of U. S. half dollars, type set of U. S. Commemorative half dollars, 1948 set of Canada, 4 marks of Prussia 1913 and 4 marks of Sweden 1690.

Mr. Skipton: 1876 Washington medal, 1796 Russian rouble, 5 Prussian Thalers and a new $20 Federal Reserve note showing the new White House porch.

Mr. Weidhaas: Series of Washington medals in all sizes and struck in different metals, and 2 autographs of George Washington.

— STEPHEN HART, Secretary

WESTERN MARYLAND COIN CLUB — The 124th meeting was held February 2, in the Ali Ghan City Shrine Club. The meeting was called to order by President Cessna with 14 members and five guests present.

Instructions were given to the secretary to try arranging a meeting with Otto C. Lightner and if necessary, to call a special meeting on the date he will be available here.

The secretary was also instructed to keep the coin club's collection up to date in all the series that the Club has started.

This meeting featured small cents. William L. Wilson displayed a complete set of Indian head cents and gave a very interesting and informative talk about this series. Member B. G. Charles displayed a complete set of Lincoln cents, uncirculated and proof, and the paper which he presented on this subject was considered by the members as being very interesting and valuable.

— MARTIN L. JOHNSON, Secretary

WESTERN MARYLAND COIN CLUB — The 125th meeting was held March 2 in the Ali Ghan City Shrine Club, Cumberland, Maryland. There were fifteen members present and two new applications were voted on favorably and accepted into membership. This meeting featured California Gold Coins as well as Pioneer Gold pieces. C. E. Morris gave an excellent talk on the subject of California gold coins and tokens and displayed a set of quarters, halves and dollars, round and octagon.

Martin L. Johnson talked on Pioneer or privately made gold coins which he termed "the most American of American coins." He brought out some of the history about various issues and the men who made them as well as the need which they fill. In connection with his talk he displayed several Bechtler coins; 1854 and 1855 Kellogg & Company twenty dollar gold piece; an 1852 Humbert fifty dollar gold slug; 1849 Moffat five dollar gold piece; set of Alaska gold pinches; quarter, half and one dollar D.W.T. Alaska gold; quarter and half dollar gold piece of Louisiana Purchase Exposition; 1914 Montana gold dollar.

Holmes H. Cessna displayed some California gold coins and a piece of "fool's gold."

B. G. Charles displayed a set of uncirculated U. S. old gold coins in all denominations from twenty dollars down.

The April meeting of the Club will feature the two cent pieces as well as the three cent nickel and silver series. Fred Driscoll and Holmes H. Cessna will be the principal speakers on these series.

— MARTIN L. JOHNSON, Secretary

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY — The regular meeting was held February 1 in the Herpetology Laboratory of the Carnegie Museum with President Robert S. Porter presiding. There were 15 members present.

The exhibits were as follows:

Paul McBride Gillis: Three trays of Washington medals including the Manly medal, the Siege of Boston medal, the Voltaire medal, and a tray of medals portraying European churches.

C. S. Hall: Eight Centennial medals of Lincoln issued in 1909.

J. M. Kennedy: Several English crowns and half crowns, Charles II to George VI.

T. G. Young: England, silver coins of Victoria, George V, and George VI; Austria, 6 thalers and double florins of Franz Joseph; Germany, coins of the three rulers for the year 1888.

W. W. Woodside: 30 coins of Dutch East Indies in copper and silver; 25 plantation tokens of Java and Sumatra in silver, nickel, bronze, brass, and bamboo.

J. V. Scaife: U. S. dimes, 1796-1809; 1657 Brunswick, Luneburg thaler, unc.; 30 tari, 1733, of Charles II; 1687 double crown, Netherlands, province of Zeeland; 1807 1½ Francescone of Florence.

J. S. Kachmar: Four English bank tokens in silver dated 1811 and 1812 from Flintshire, Lancashire, Bristol and Devonshire.

– J. S. KACHMAR, Secretary

WESTERN RESERVE NUMISMATIC CLUB – The 335th meeting was held Wednesday evening, February 9 at Hotel Carter with 29 present. President Hahlen presided.

Mr. Sawicki announced the arrangements for the National Coin Week exhibit to be held in the May Co. auditorium and asked exhibitors to present lists of exhibit material to the committee at the March meeting.

The club observed a moment of silent meditation in memory of Charles Fisher, founder and long time member of the Club who died early in January and the secretary was authorized to set aside a page in the minutes as a memorial to him.

The following resolution, after considerable discussion, was adopted by a unanimous vote – That the present system of voting by proxies at the A.N.A. Conventions is not in the best interests of the members; that this practice should be discontinued and voting should be from the floor by members in attendance.

Mr. Shattuck displayed a reproduction of Lincoln's Gettysburg speech and gave a history of its preparation and presentation.

The following exhibits were briefly described:

Fred Hahlen: Steel cents with large photo showing 20 tons being sent to the smelters.

R. A. Meyer: Complete set of Barber dimes uncirculated, except 1894S.

M. L. Shattuck: Lafayette dollar, Massachusetts cent, 1796 half dollar.

J. F. Sawicki: Five kopecks, Catherine II and Nicholas I of Russia; large bronze ore Christina of Sweden, 1648.

A. P. Spencer: Medal of Joan of Arc by Yencesse; Washington medal, Betts 544.

– AMBROSE P. SPENCER, Secretary

WICHITA COIN CLUB – The 27th monthly meeting was held February 17 at the K. G. & E. display room with President Spore presiding. There were 60 members and guests in attendance. Five new members were admitted which brings the membership of this club to 64.

Ted Hammer introduced the guest speaker, Lee H. Cornell, a well known phalatelist. His talk on stamps and his display of oddities and the rare "kicking mule" cancellations proved interesting and intriguing. At the conclusion Mr. Cornell was given much applause.

A swap session was held after the meeting and from all appearances each participant was well pleased with his transactions.

– E. J. SKINNER, Assistant Secretary

WORCESTER COUNTY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY – The meeting of February 11 opened with 27 members and 18 guests present, President Tilton presiding. After the reading of the minutes of the January meeting, because of the large number of guests the President asked for a roll call. Then the programs for the next three meetings were announced.

Lester Costello gave a short talk on commemoratives in general and John Powers spoke on the Lexington Concord half dollar in particular. Bert White showed the medal given members of the City Government during the Worcester Centennial Celebration.

Applications for membership were received from Everett Clark, Charles Monigle, Fred Parker and David Hokonen. Robert Hale was voted into membership. The Secretary reported contact with the Boy Scouts regarding the club's offer to help in Merit Badge examinations and showed the book issued covering the subject. The attendance prize, a variety of coins in a plush lined case was won by David Donaldson.

Doran Jones gave a very interesting talk on "Early American Coinage," with lantern slides showing many of the rarer as well as more common coins. His talk covered coins from the first known pieces minted on the North American continent up to the first coins minted by the U. S. government, his remarks on coins issued by the various colonies being particularly interesting. Afterwards he showed a number of colonial coins as well as some early Greek and Roman, and those present were given an opportunity to purchase them.

– EARL BELLIS, Secretary

TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF ORANGE COUNTY COIN CLUB

January 26 marked one of the high spots in the history of the Orange County Coin Club. It was the annual installation program and 125 members and their wives enjoyed a good meal and a very fine musical program presented by the Department of Music, Fullerton Junior College.

This was officially called our 10th Anniversary meeting. A photograph of the entire group was taken at their tables. Herbert Bergen was chairman for the evening and arranged the details of the meeting, with the assistance of Charles L. Ruby.

Harry Hansen, past president, acted as master of ceremonies. He and Mrs. Hansen were properly attired in typical costumes of 1849. They put on an interesting and comical skit, telling many anecdotes of that era in connection with the mining of gold in the early days of

California. They told about the discovery of gold in the different parts of the State. Hansen was wearing a pair of guns used during this period and looked the part, as well as acted it, of a bona fide resident of Sutter's Creek. He introducced officers of several different coin clubs who were in attendance.

A brief review of the TENTH ANNIVERSARY EDITION was given by past president, Joe Steele. Then all present were given copies of this booklet, which contained 36 pages. It contains a history of our club, a brief summary of each year's activities with a picture of each president, the constitution and by-laws, list of library material, letters from officials of the A. N. A., State Association and local clubs, a letter from our South American correspondent, Dr. C. Glenn Curtis, membership list of 240 members, and the advertisements of 28 coin dealers, who made the publication possible. Already nearly all of the 750 copies have been distributed to many places in the country.

The officers were properly installed by Adolph Larson, Jr., as only Adolph can do it. These are the officers selected to serve during 1949: President, Charles D. Kiser; Vice-President, Dr. C. Glenn Curtis; Membership Secretary, Dr. Verner G. Rich; Recording Secretary, Charles L. Ruby; Treasurer, J. R. Stewart; Librarian-Curator, George A. Powers.

Each past president was called upon for a few remarks. Many interesting incidents were reviewed and it made several present do a little reminiscing. President Charles Kiser was then given the gavel and took over. He pledged himself to carry on through 1949 in the same loyal and efficient manner as the past presidents did, and then asked for the continued support of all members. He feels sure that before the end of this year there will be over 300 members in our club.

— CHARLES L. RUBY, *Secretary.*